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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An object is to apply a transistor using an oxide semiconductor to a logic circuit including an enhancement transistor. The logic circuit includes a depletion transistor **101** and an enhancement transistor **102**. The transistors **101** and **102** each include a gate electrode, a gate insulating layer, a first oxide semiconductor layer, a second oxide semiconductor layer, a source electrode, and a drain electrode. The transistor **102** includes a reduction prevention layer provided over a region in the first oxide semiconductor layer between the source electrode and the drain electrode.

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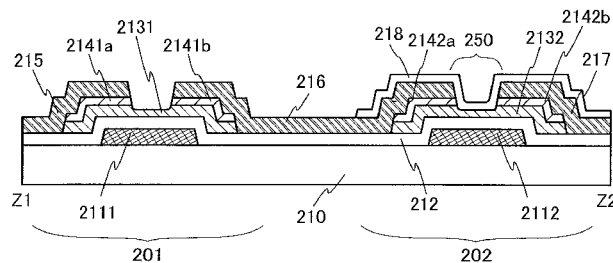
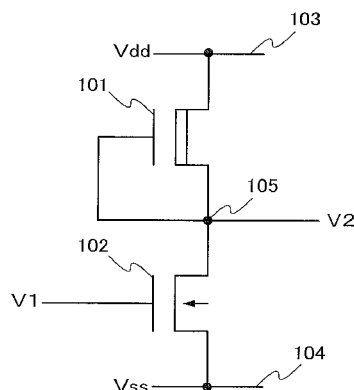
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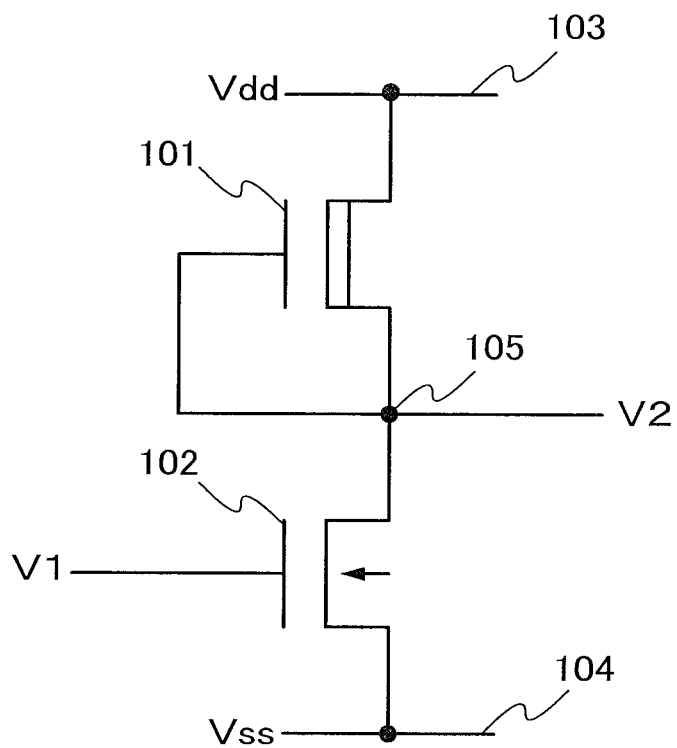


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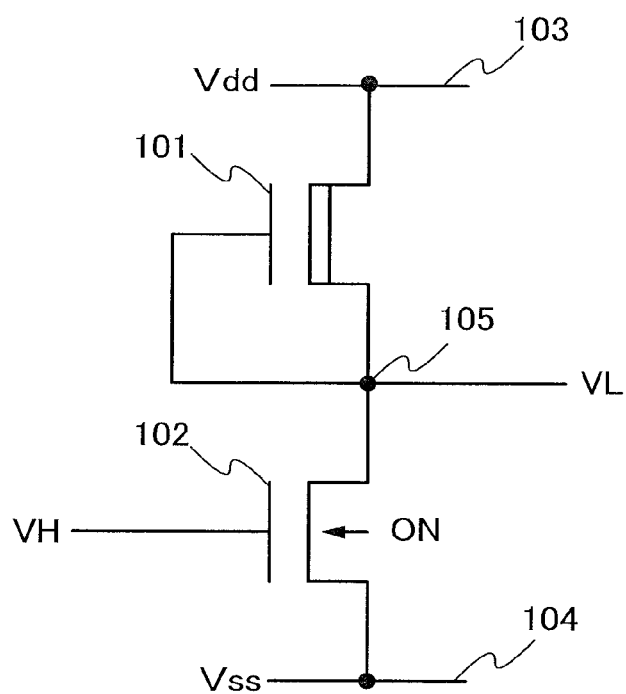


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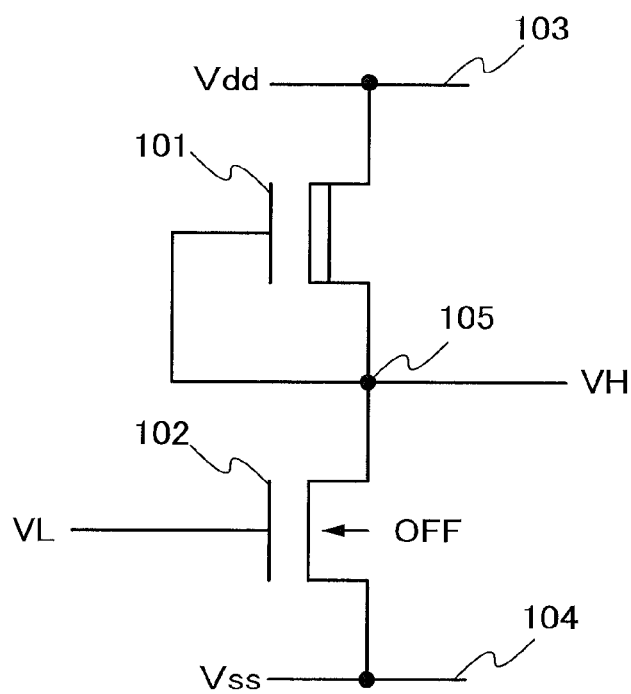


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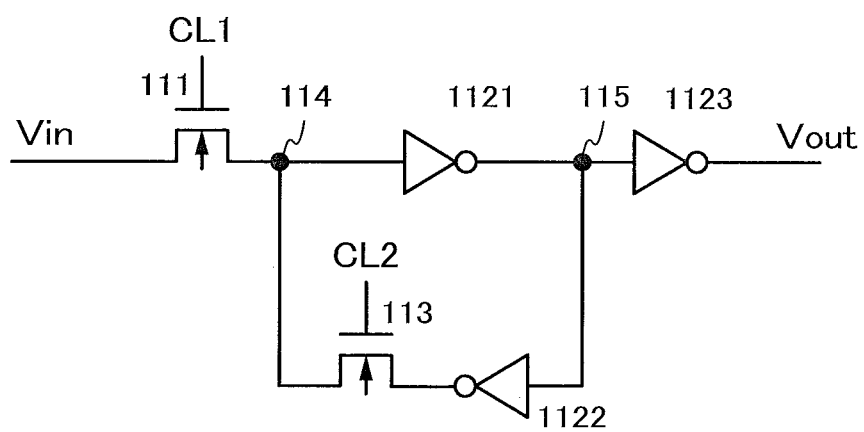


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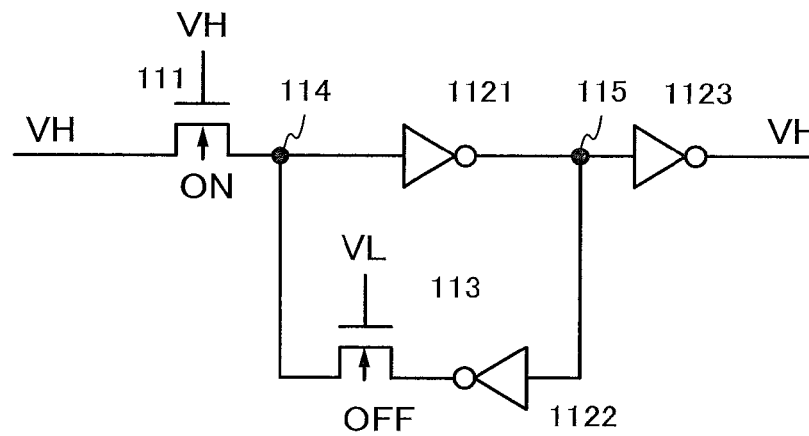


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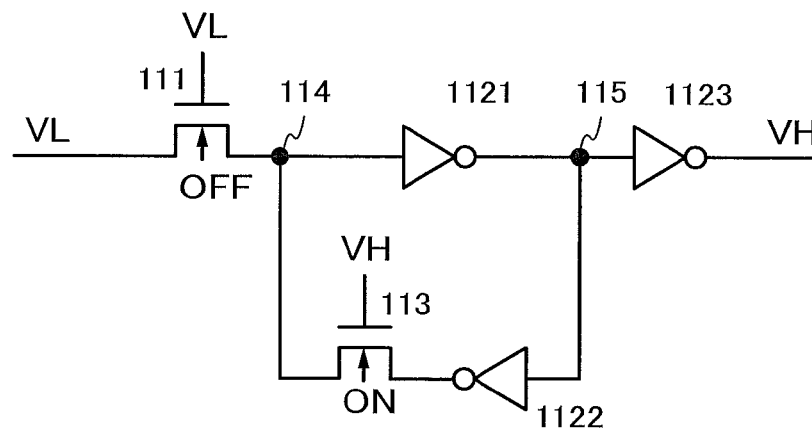


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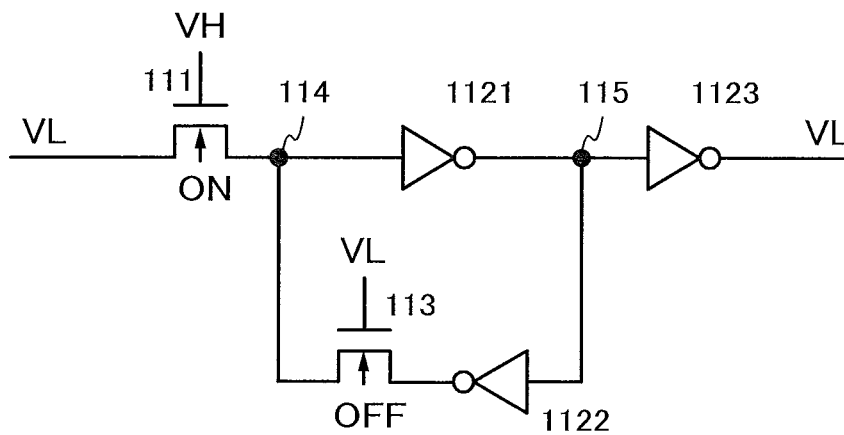


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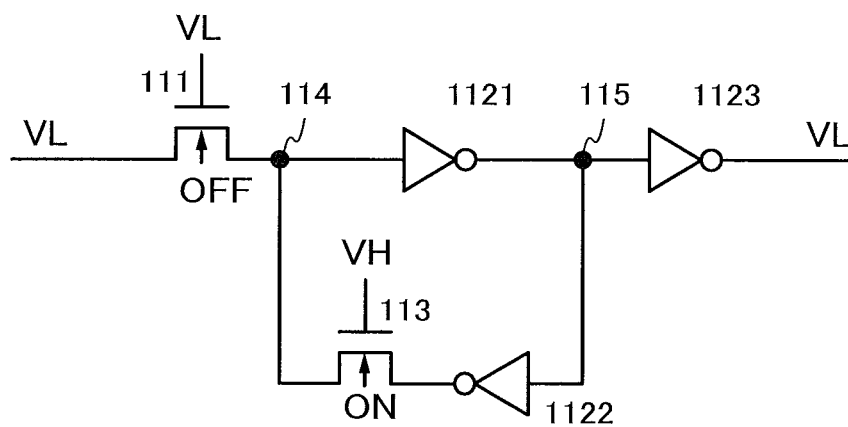


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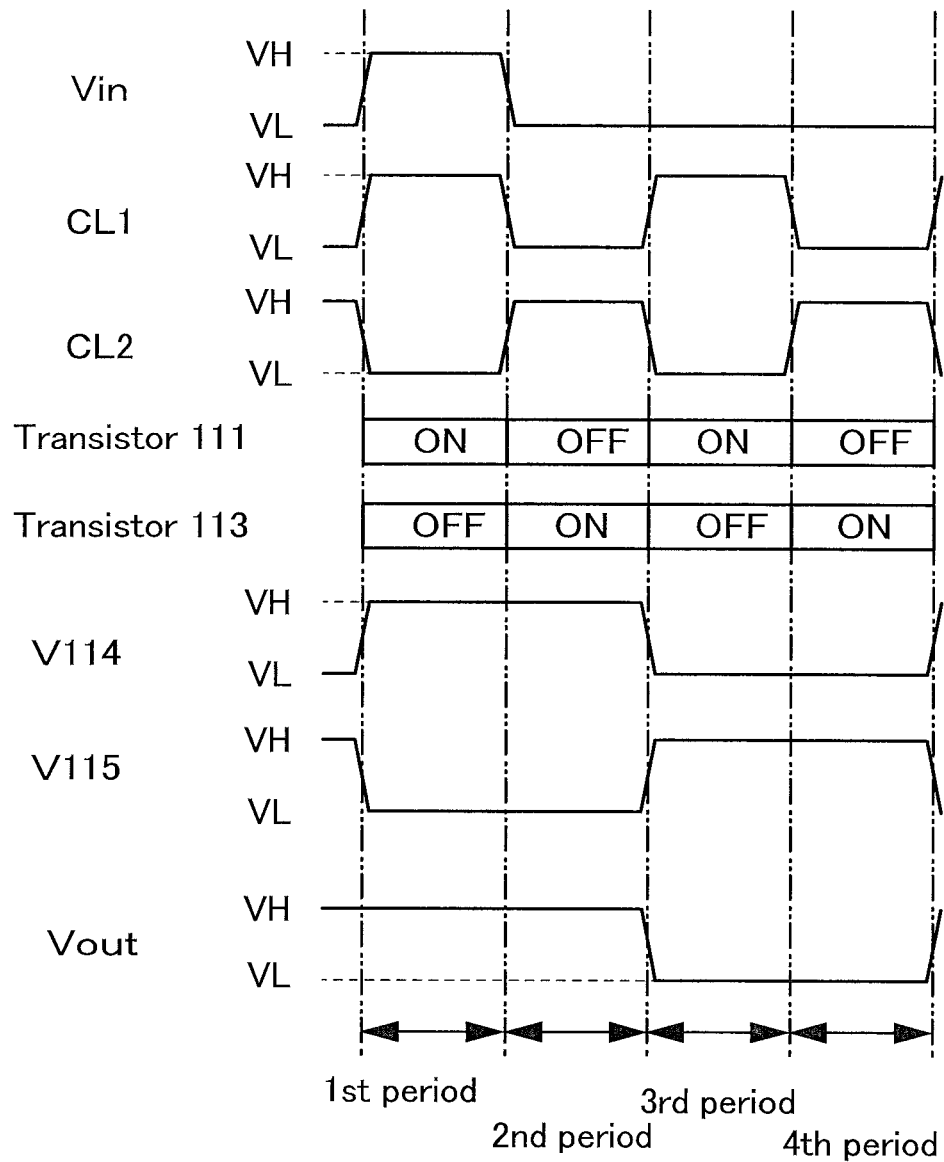
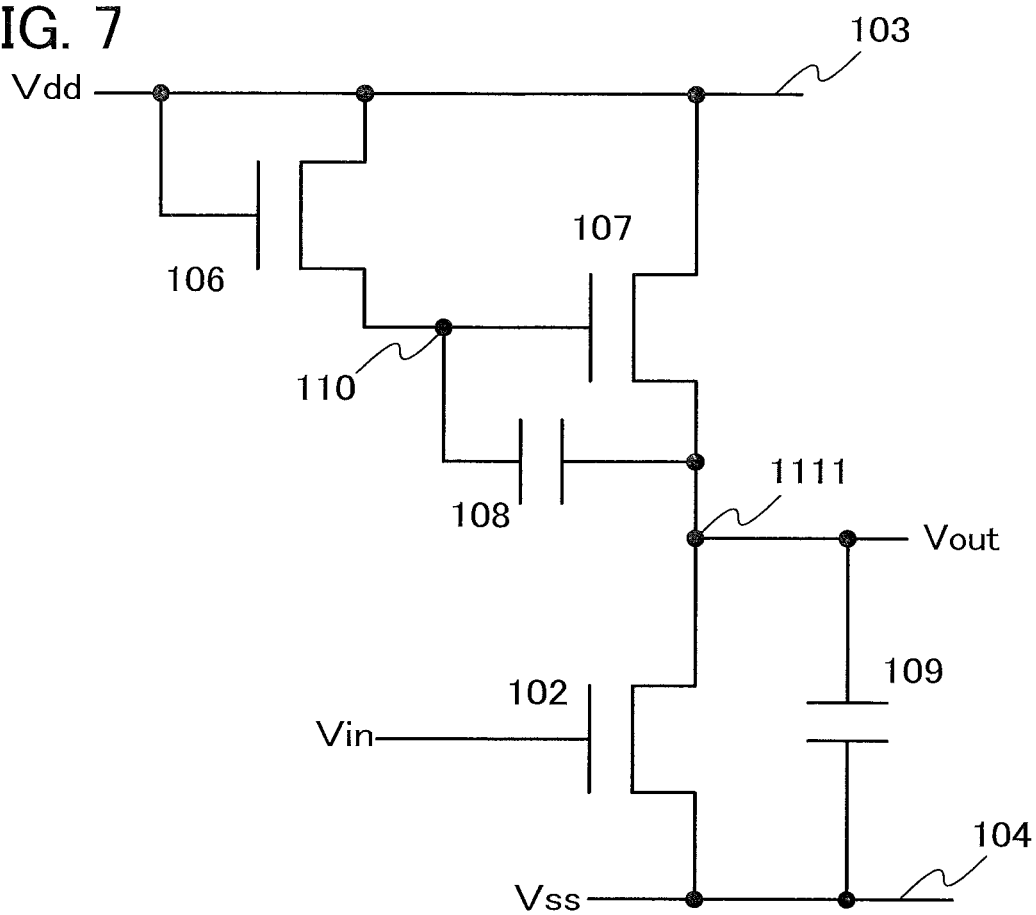


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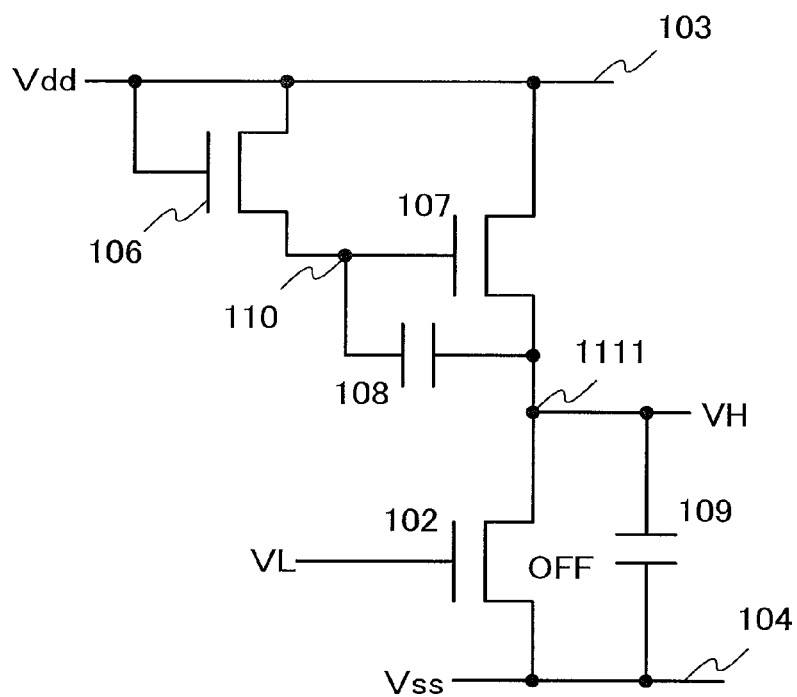


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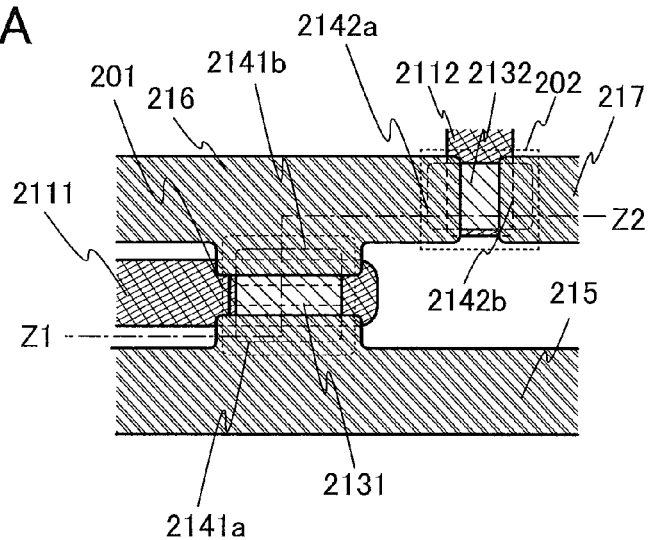


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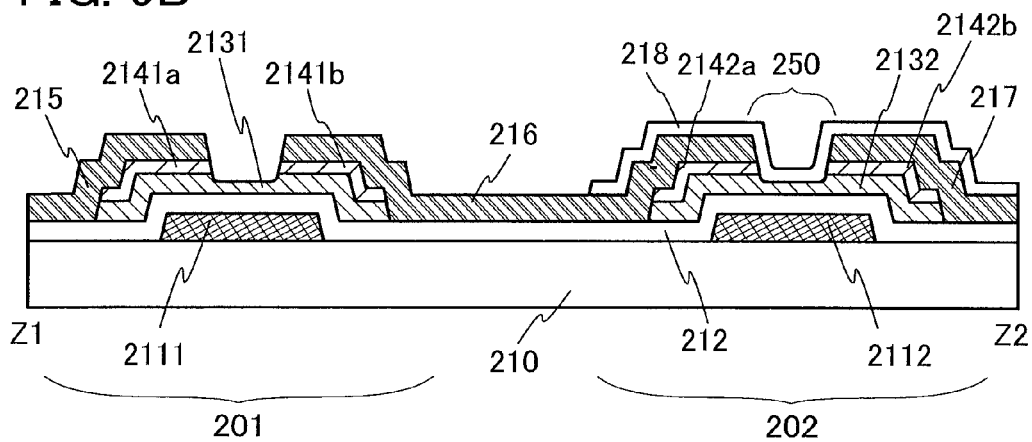
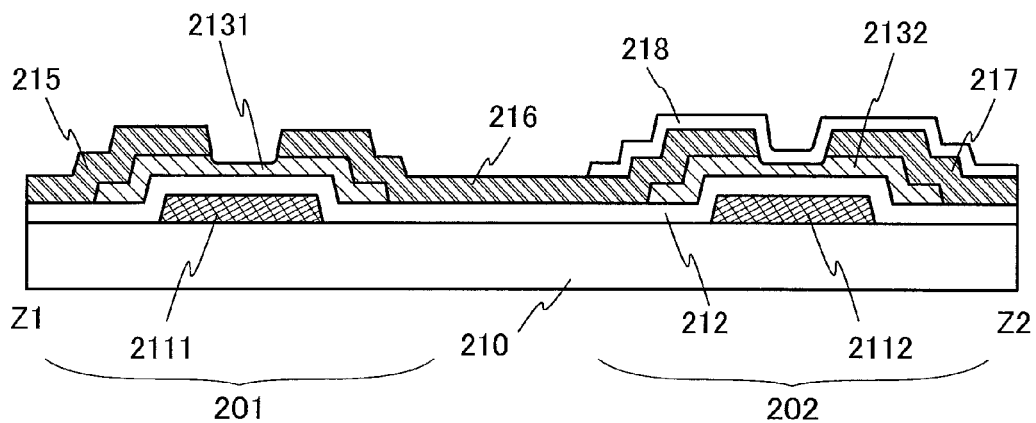


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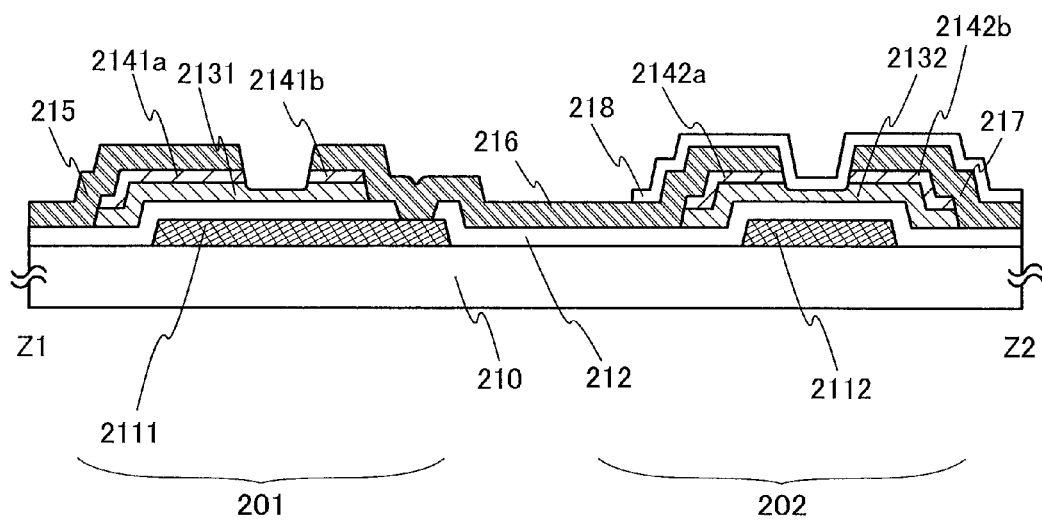


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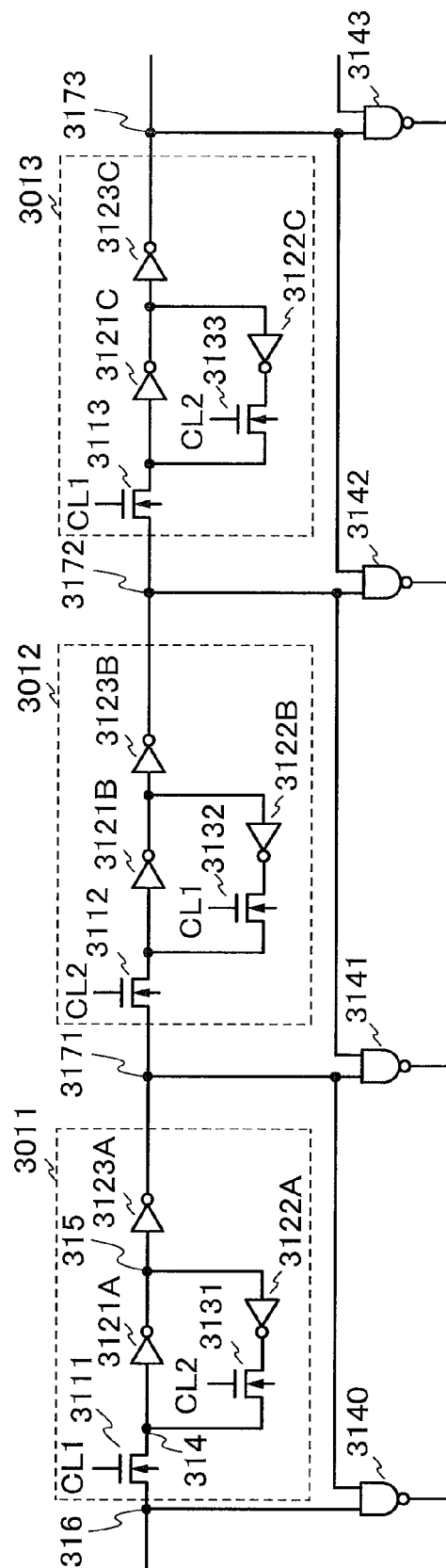


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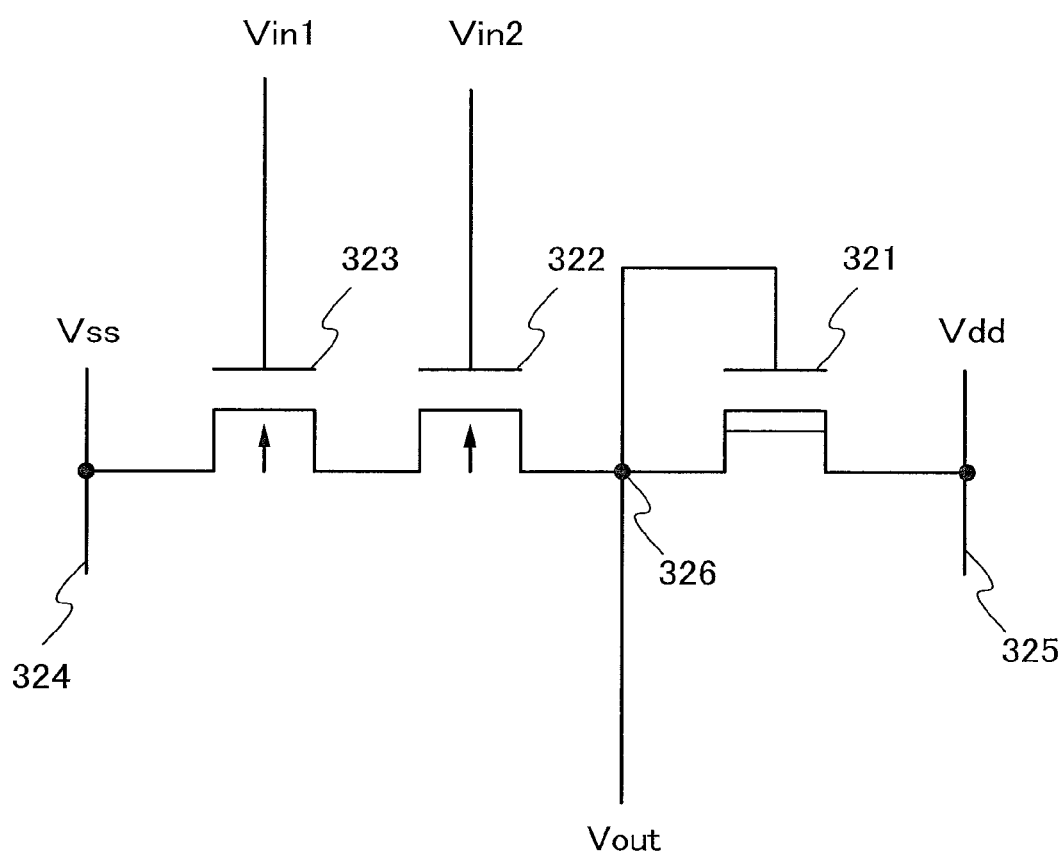


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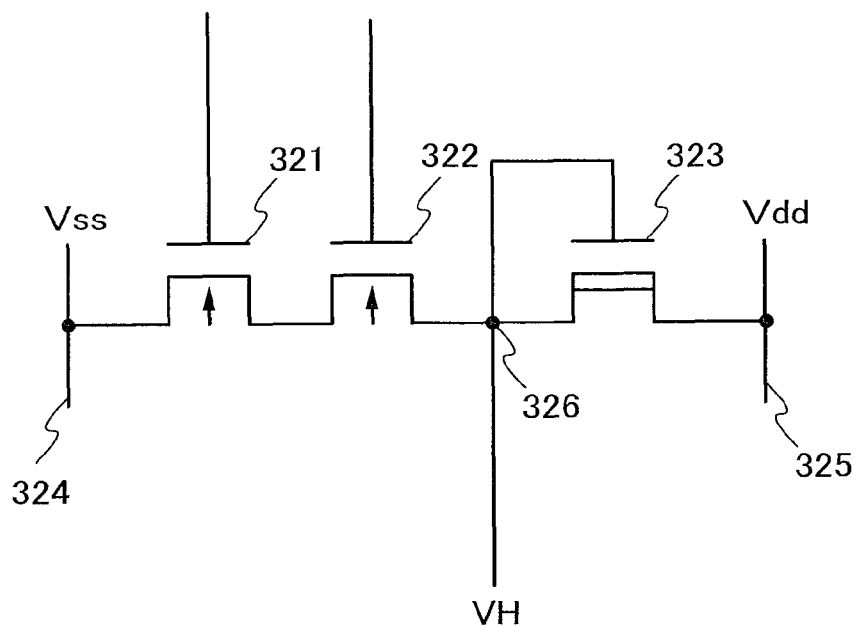


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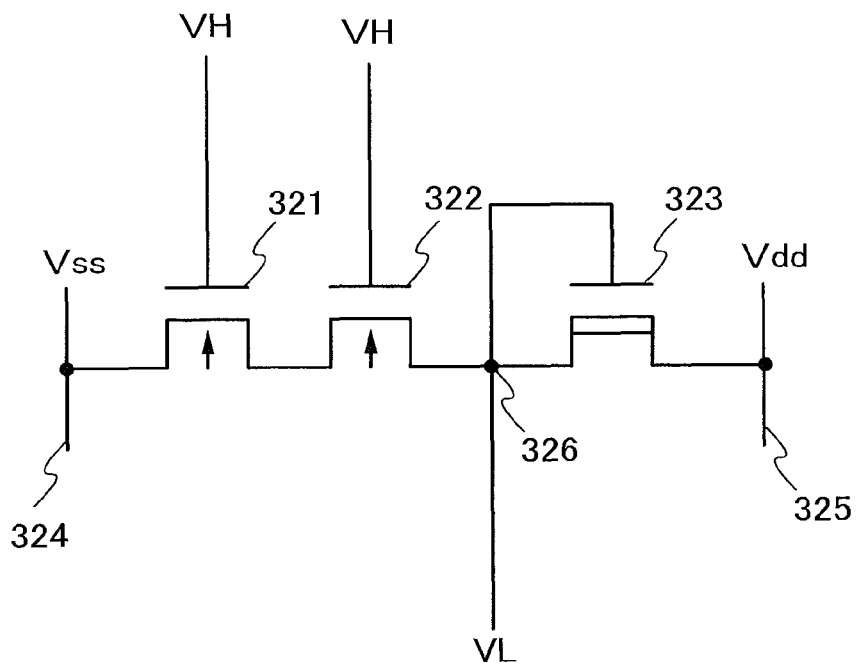


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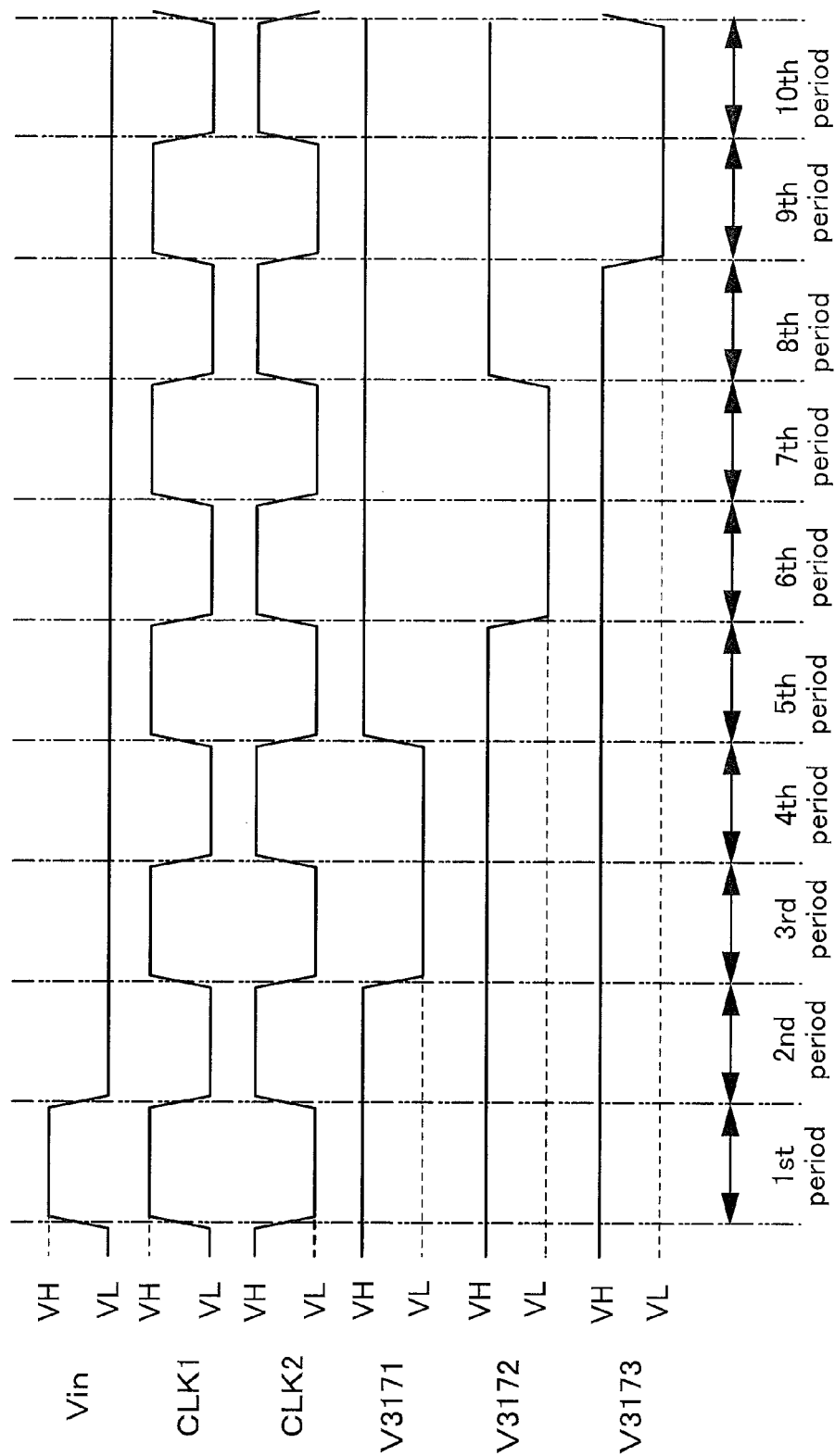


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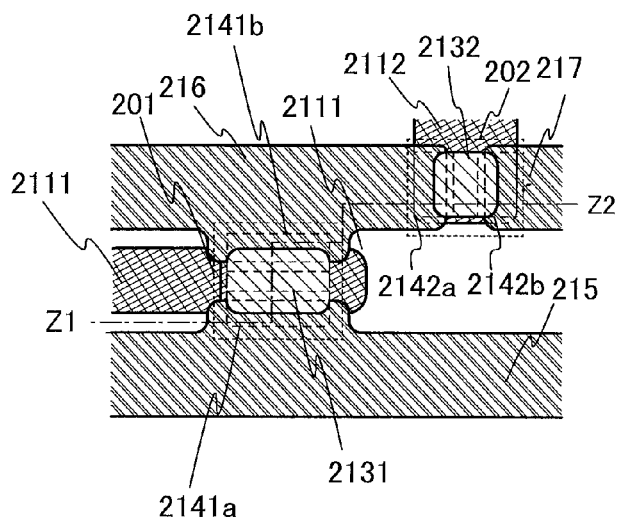


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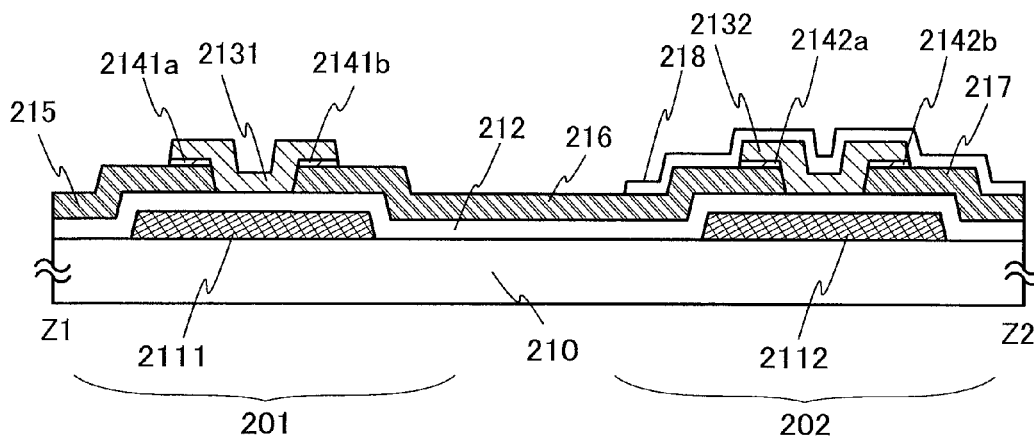


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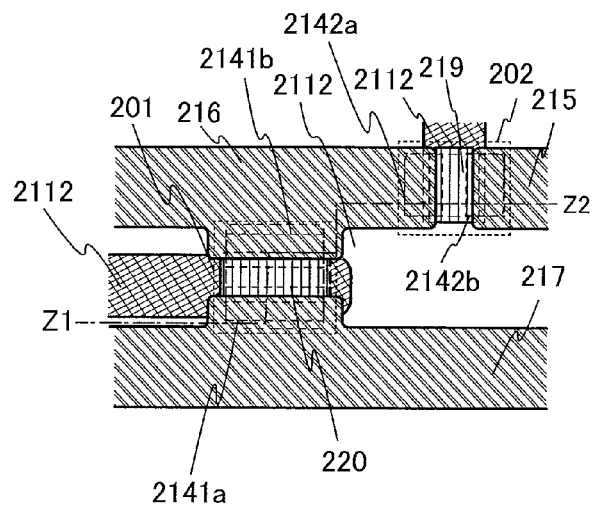


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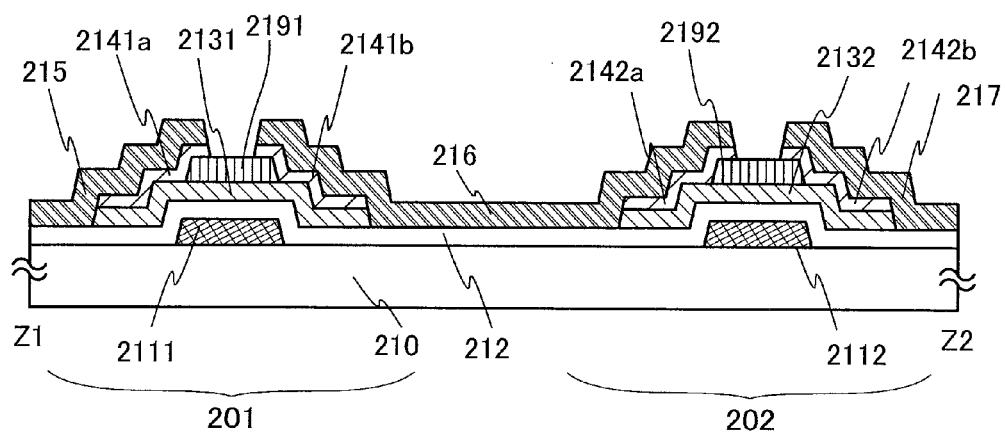


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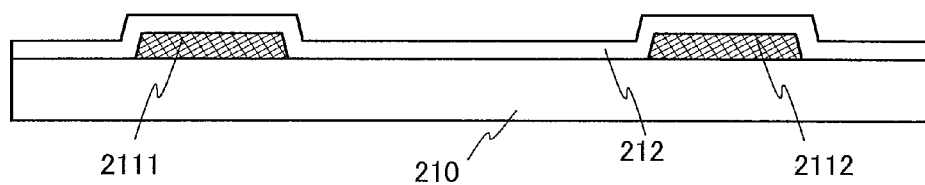


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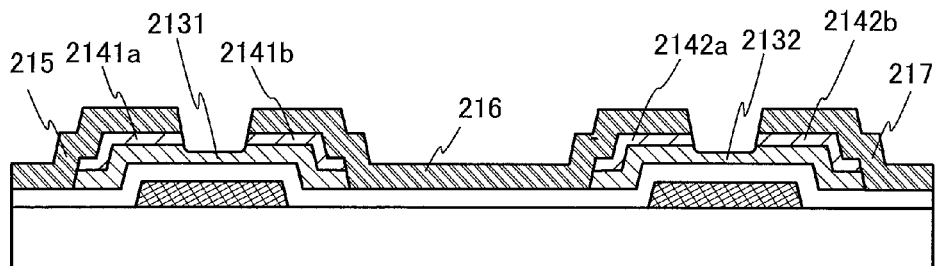


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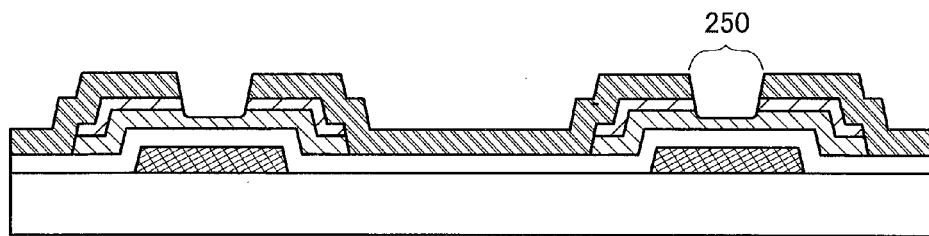


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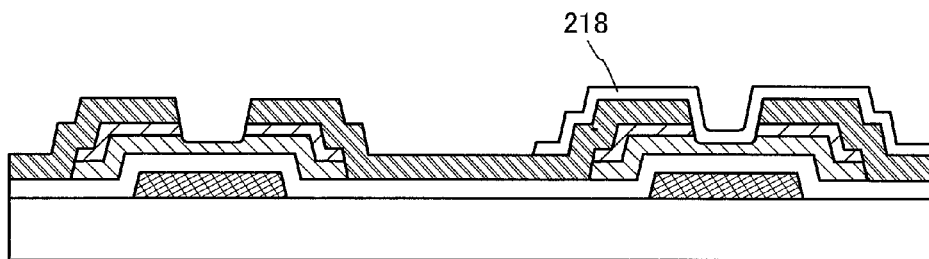


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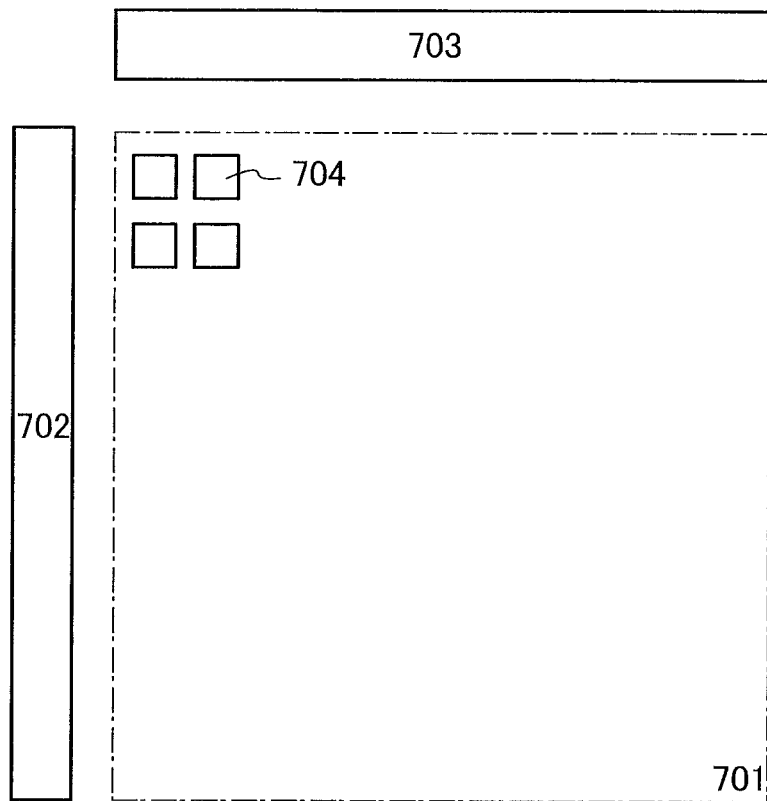


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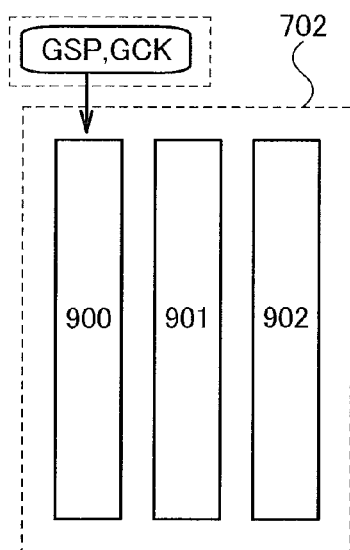


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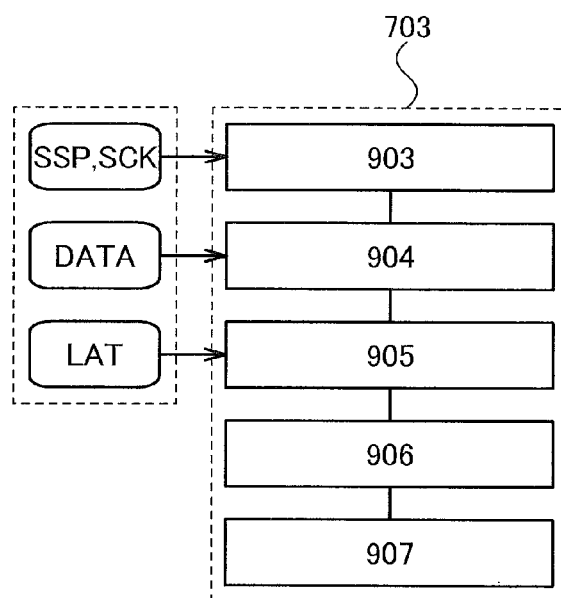


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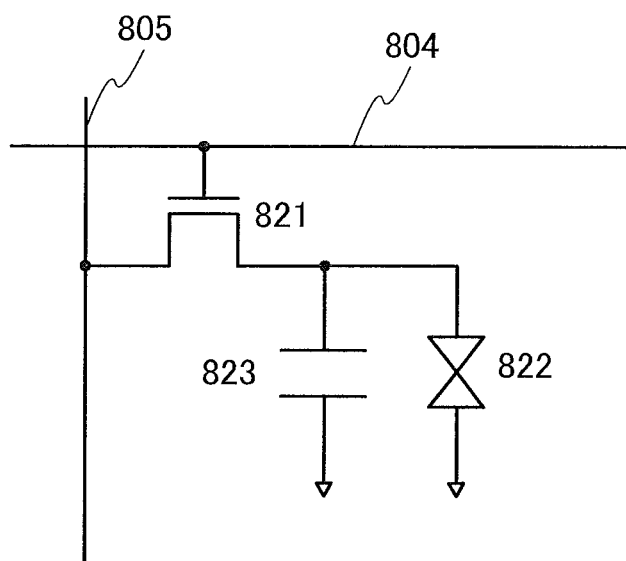


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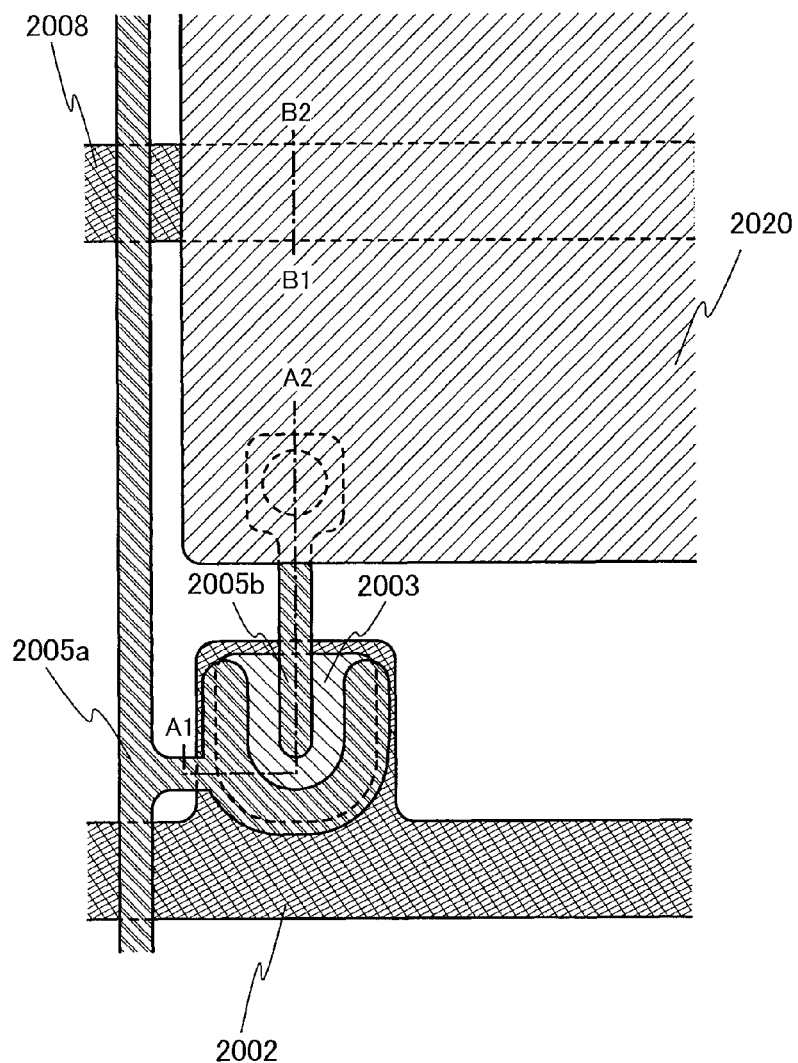


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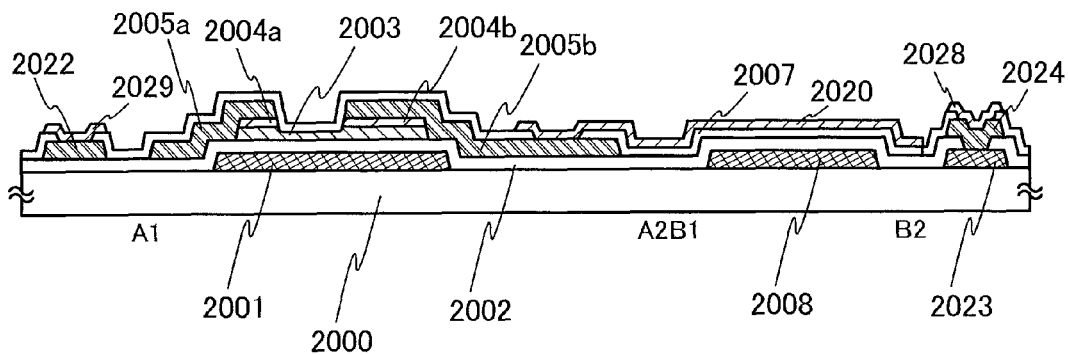


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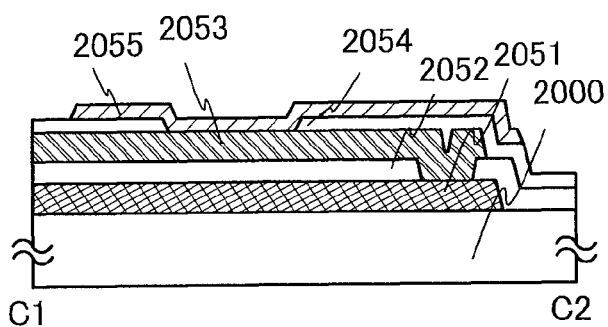


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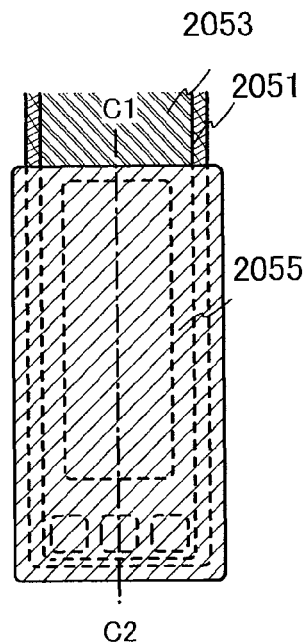


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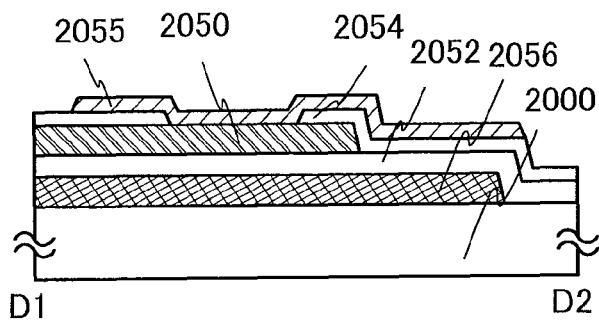


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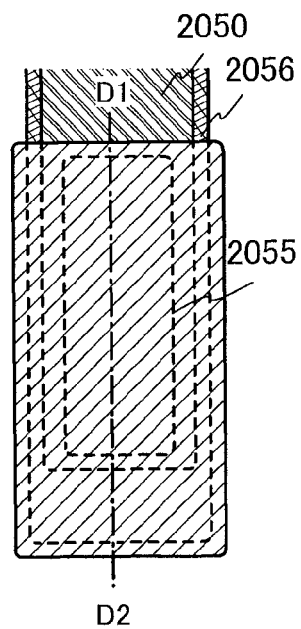


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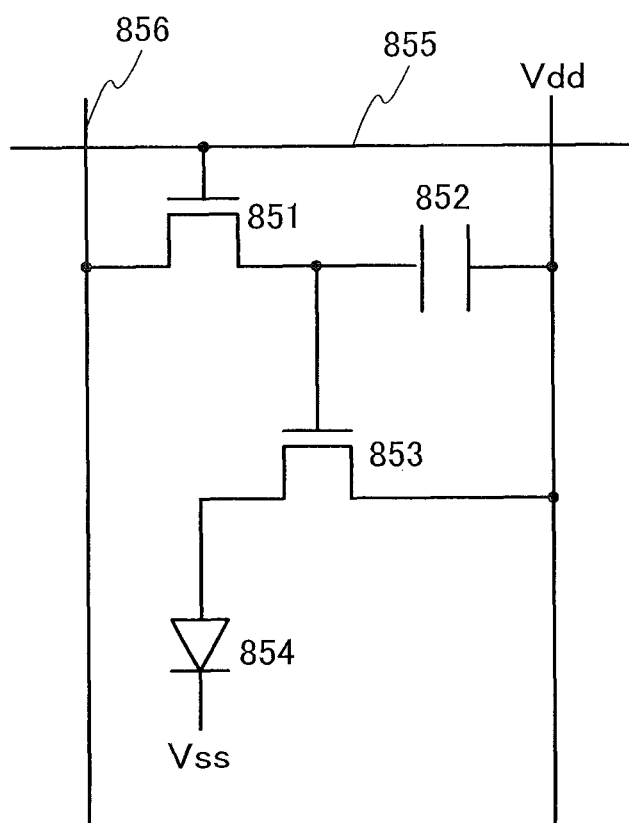


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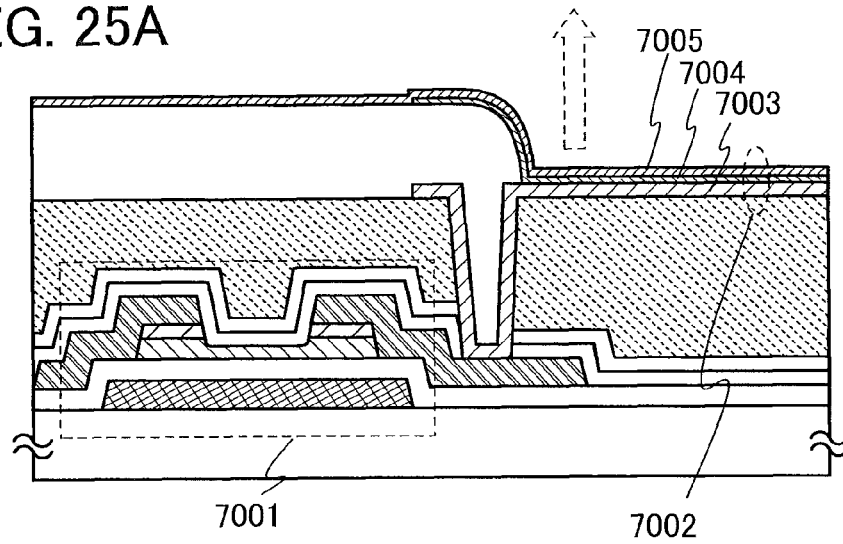


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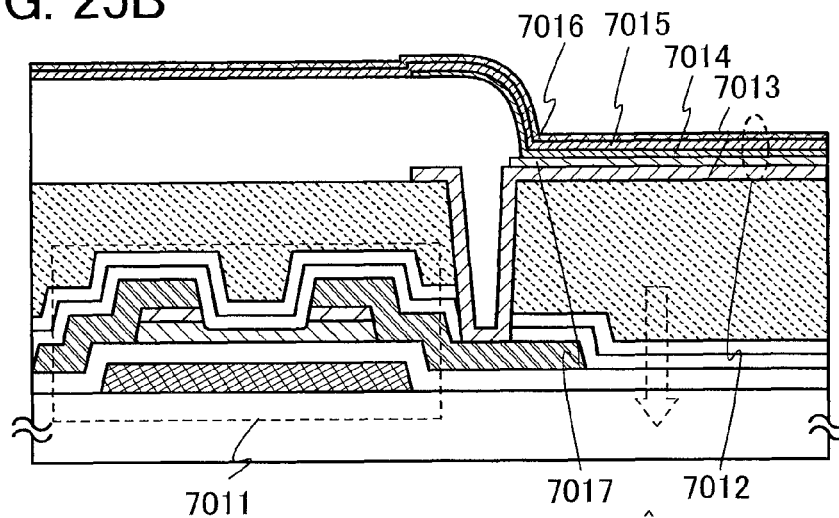


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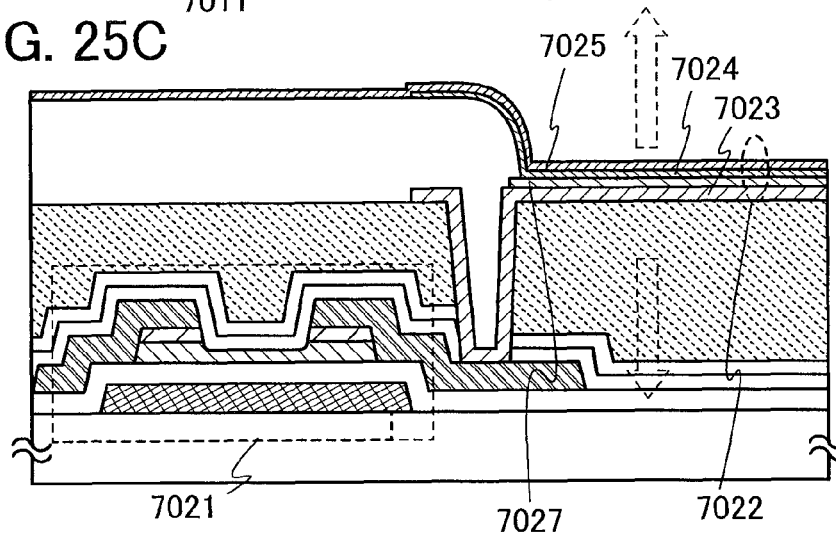


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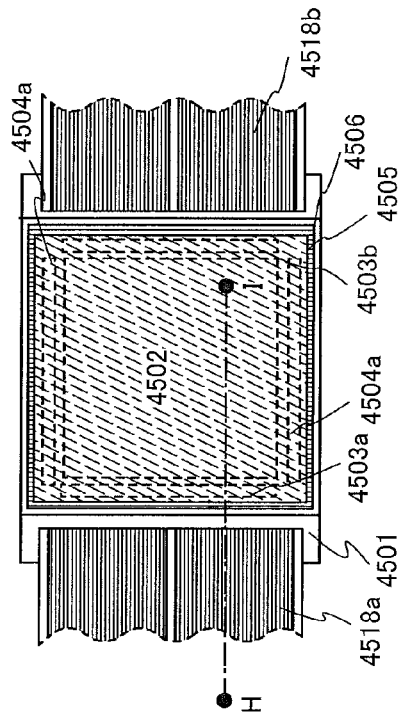


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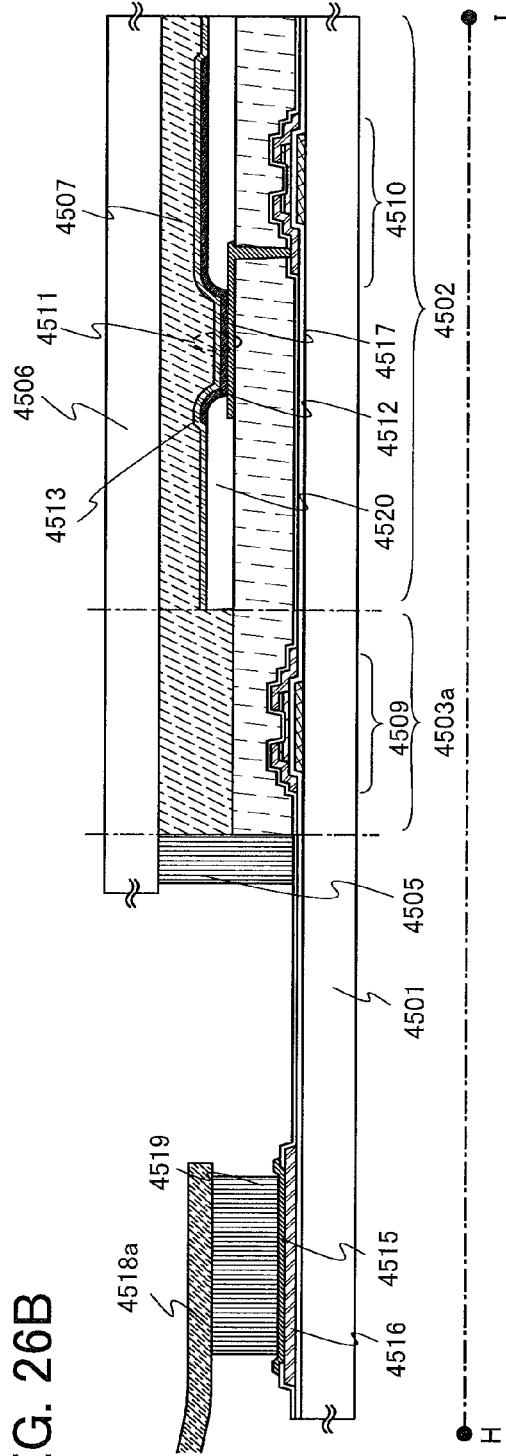


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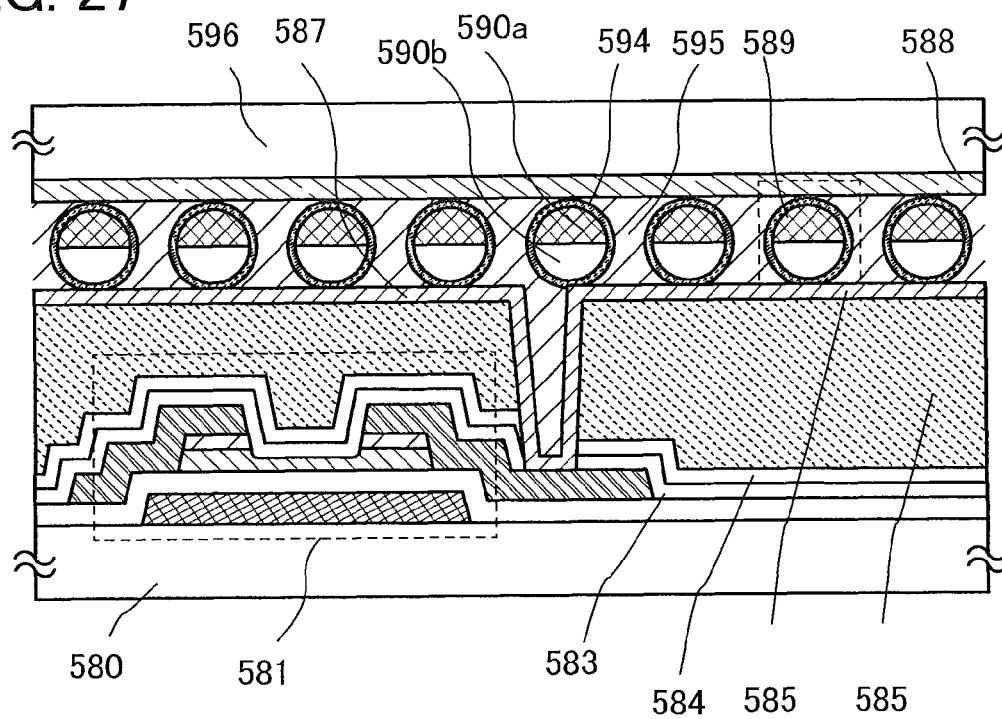


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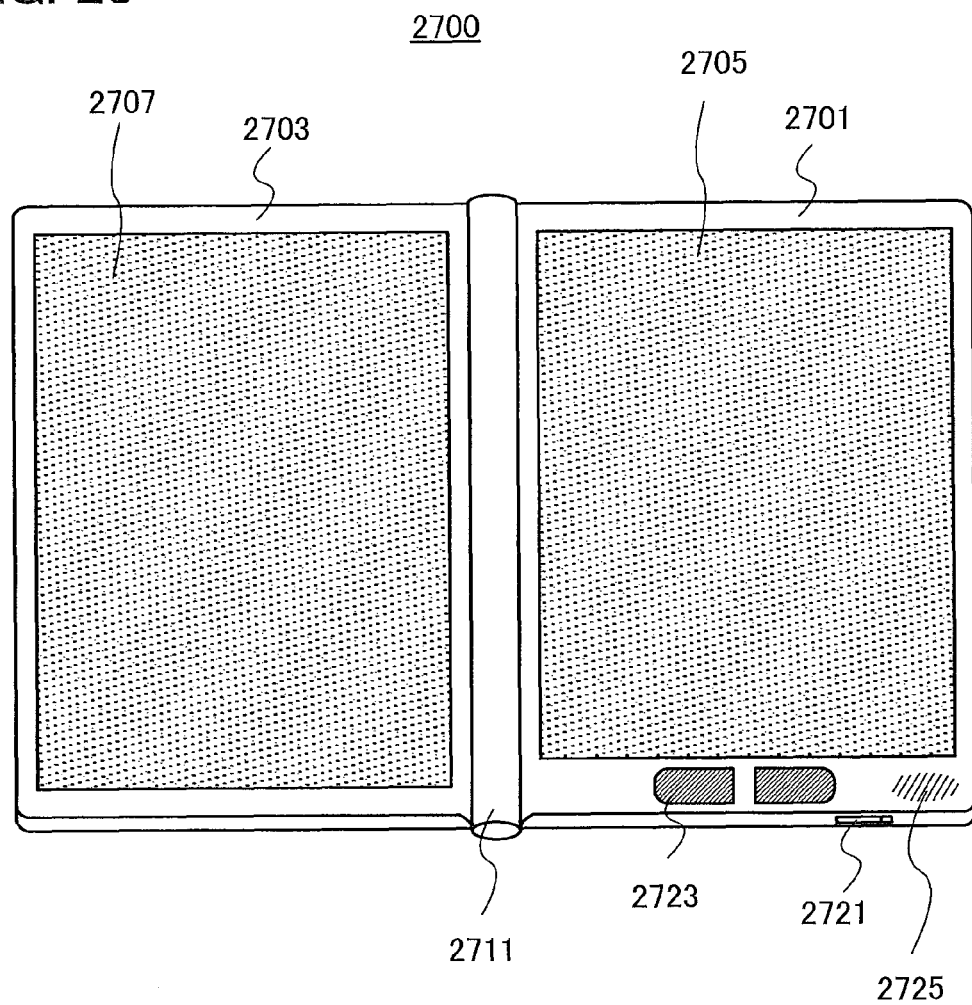


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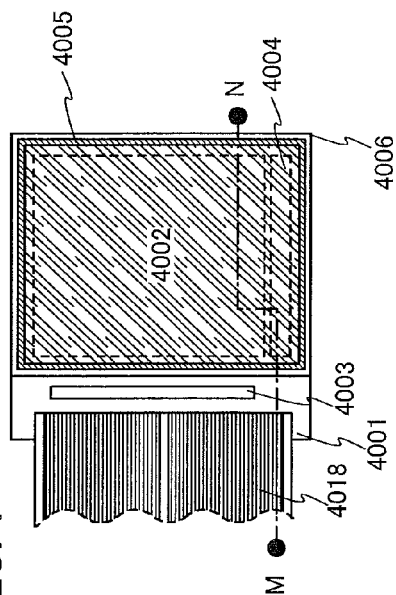


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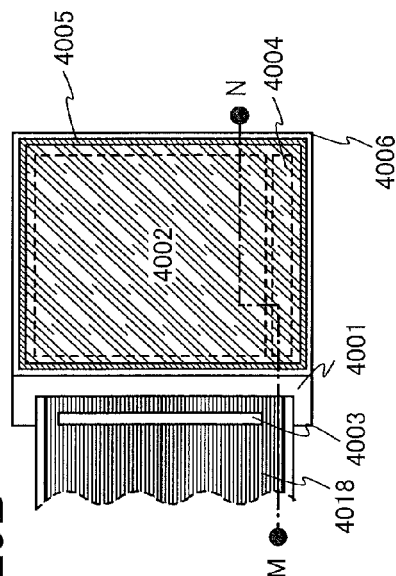


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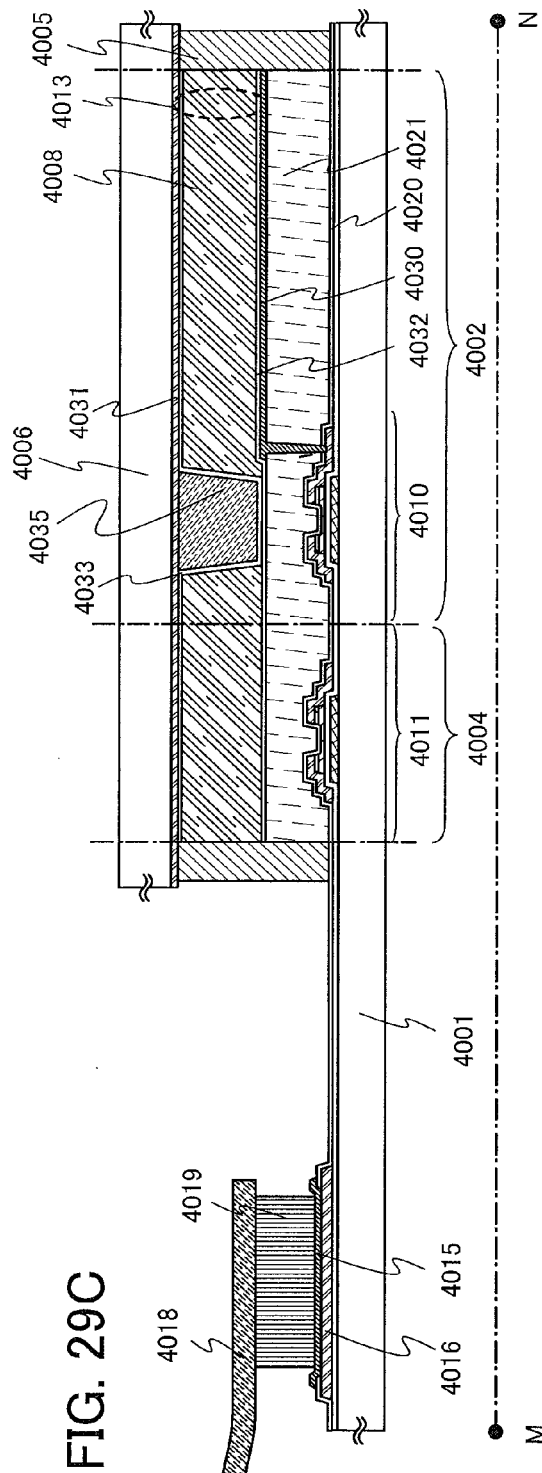


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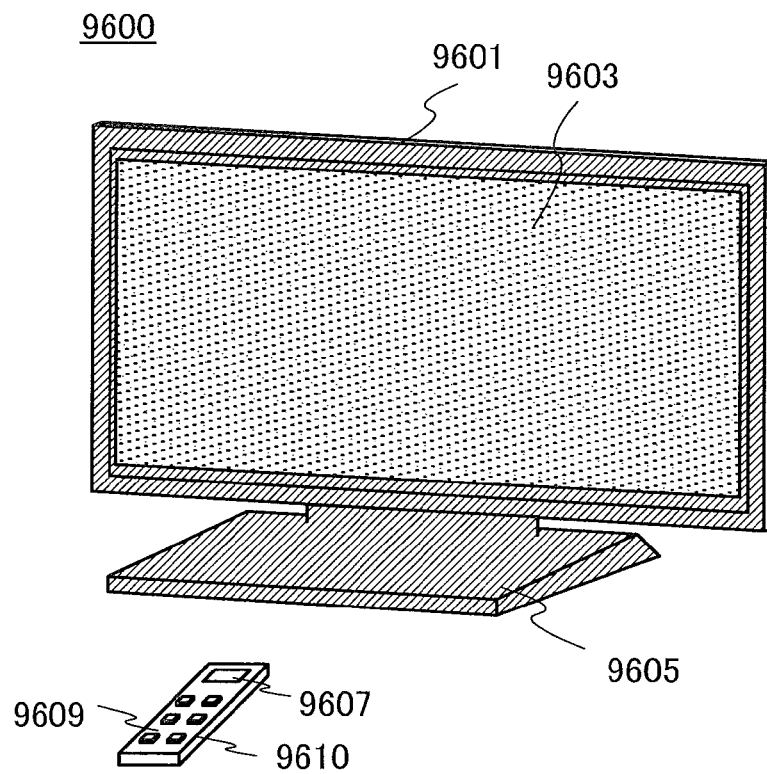


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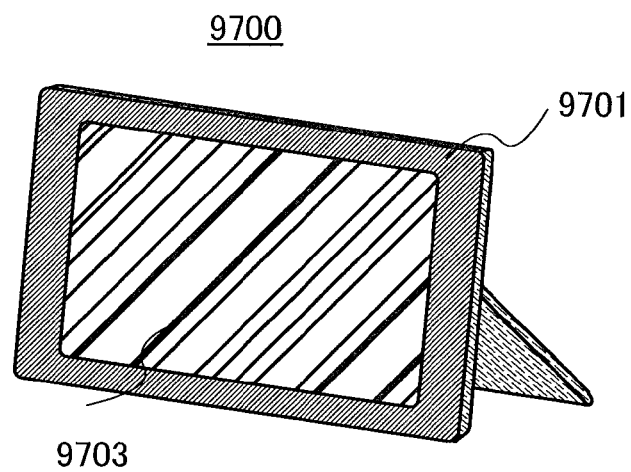


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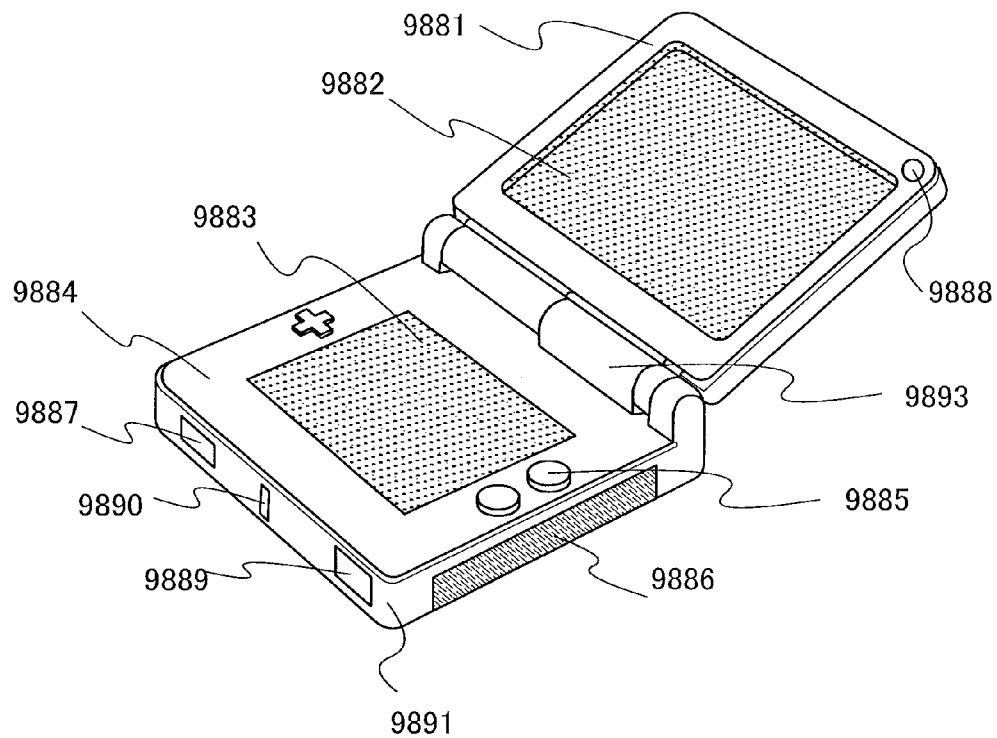


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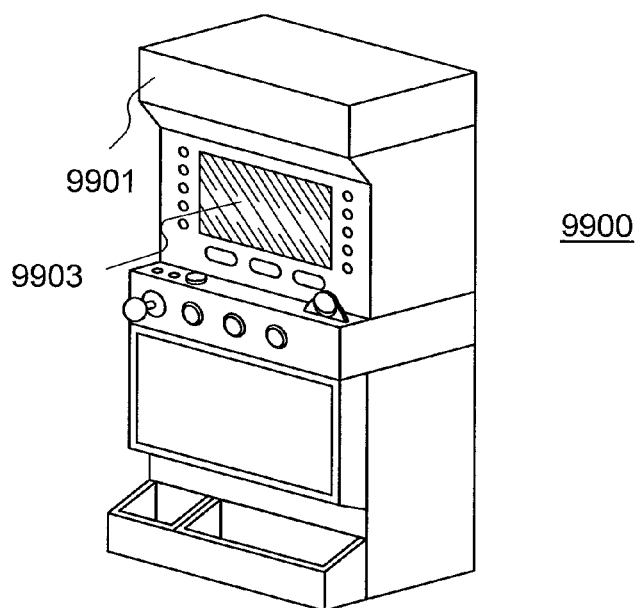


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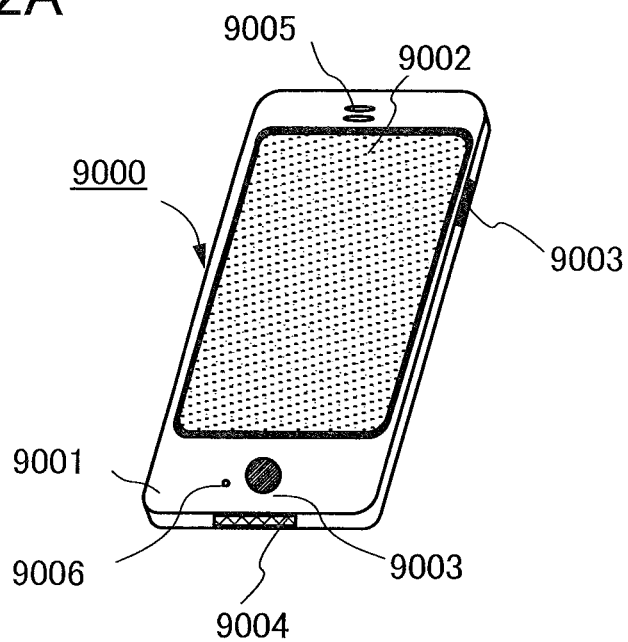


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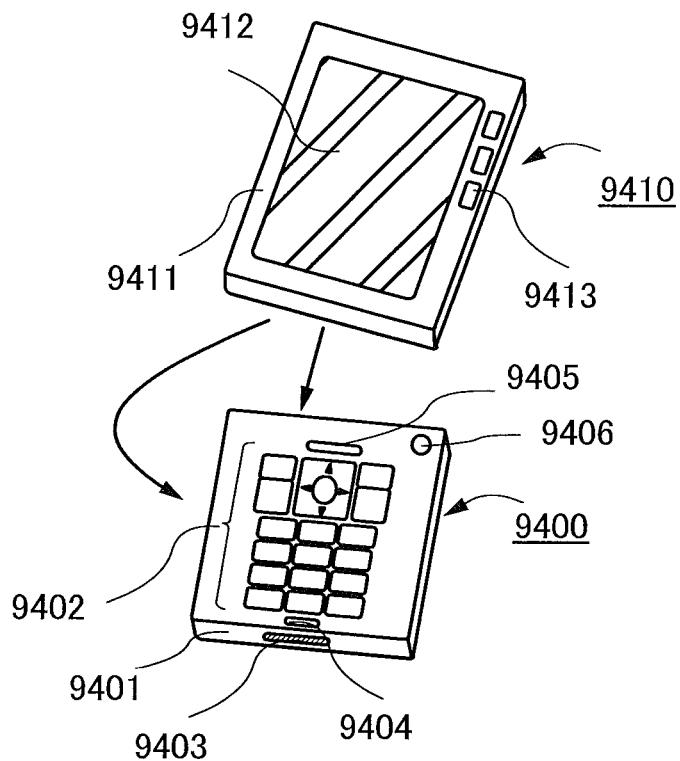


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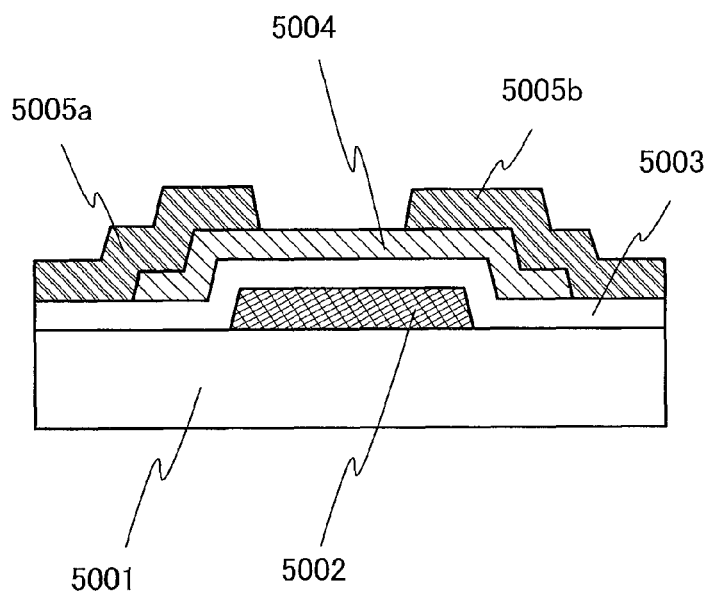
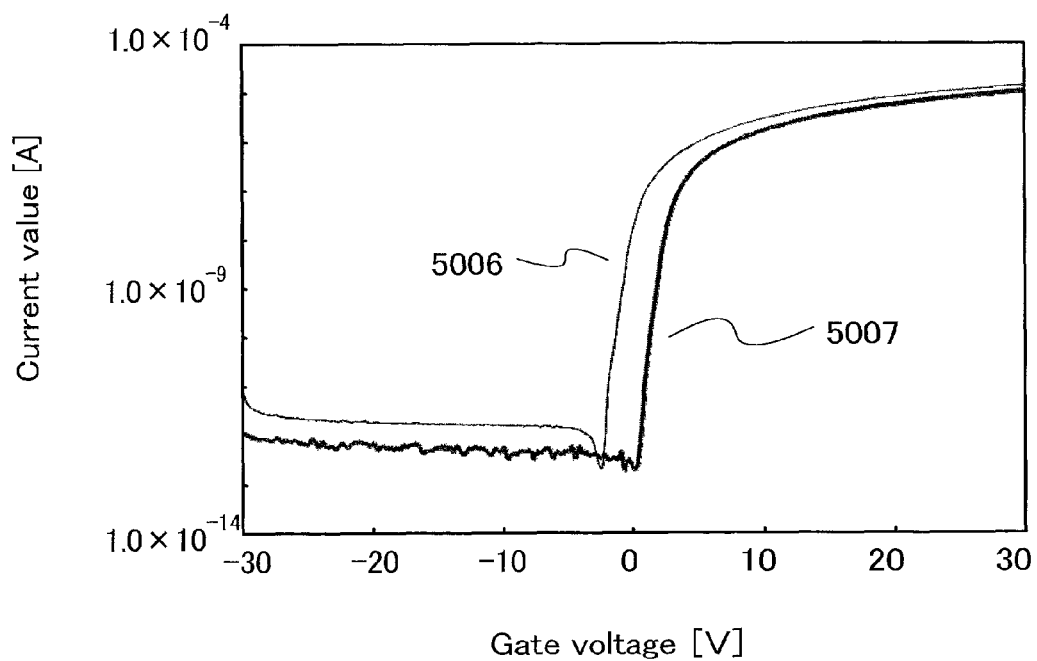


FIG. 33B



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LOGIC CIRCUIT

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a circuit including a thin film transistor using an oxide semiconductor. Specifically, the present invention relates to a logic circuit.

2. Description of the Related Art

A thin film transistor (TFT) formed over a flat plate such as a glass substrate, which is typically used in a liquid crystal display device, is generally formed using a semiconductor material such as amorphous silicon or polycrystalline silicon. TFTs using amorphous silicon have a low electric field mobility but can respond to increase in size of glass substrates. On the other hand, TFTs using polycrystalline silicon have a high electric field mobility, but need a crystallization step such as laser annealing and are not always adaptable to increase in size of glass substrates.

Thus, a technique in which a TFT is formed using an oxide semiconductor as a semiconductor material and applied to an electronic device or an optical device has attracted attention. For example, Patent Documents 1 and 2 each disclose a technique in which a TFT is formed using zinc oxide or an In—Ga—Zn—O-based oxide semiconductor as a semiconductor material and used for a switching element or the like in an image display device.

A TFT in which a channel formation region (also referred to as a channel region) is provided in an oxide semiconductor can have a higher electric field mobility than a TFT using amorphous silicon. An oxide semiconductor film can be formed at a temperature of 300° C. or lower by a sputtering method or the like, and a manufacturing process of the TFT using an oxide semiconductor is simpler than that of the TFT using polycrystalline silicon.

TFTs which are formed using such an oxide semiconductor over a glass substrate, a plastic substrate, or the like are expected to be applied to display devices such as a liquid crystal display, an electroluminescent display (also referred to as an EL display), and electronic paper.

REFERENCE

Patent Document 1: Japanese Published Patent Application No. 2007-123861

Patent Document 2: Japanese Published Patent Application No. 2007-096055

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

However, a conventional TFT using an oxide semiconductor tends to be a depletion-type TFT, which is normally on, and the threshold voltage of the TFT shifts over time. Accordingly, it has been difficult to apply the conventional TFT using the oxide semiconductor to a logic circuit constituted by a transistor having a desired threshold voltage, for example, an enhancement-type transistor, which is normally off.

In view of the forgoing problems, an object is to obtain a desired threshold voltage of a thin film transistor using an oxide semiconductor, and specifically, an object is to apply the thin film transistor to a logic circuit constituted by a transistor having a desired threshold voltage.

One embodiment of the invention disclosed in this specification is a logic circuit including an enhancement transistor which includes a layer for preventing reduction over a back channel so that the threshold voltage is controlled.

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One embodiment is a specific structure of a logic circuit described as follows. The logic circuit includes a depletion transistor in which a high power supply voltage is applied to one of a source and a drain, and a gate is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain; and an enhancement transistor in which a first signal is input to a gate, one of a source and a drain is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the depletion transistor, and a low power supply voltage is applied to the other of the source and the drain. The enhancement transistor outputs as a second signal a voltage of a portion where the enhancement transistor is connected to the depletion transistor. Each of the depletion transistor and the enhancement transistor includes a gate electrode; a gate insulating layer provided over the gate electrode; a first oxide semiconductor layer provided over the gate insulating layer; a pair of second oxide semiconductor layers in contact with part of the first oxide semiconductor layer, serving as a source region and a drain region; a source electrode in contact with one of the second oxide semiconductor layers, which is the source region; and a drain electrode in contact with the other of the second oxide semiconductor layers, which is the drain region. The enhancement transistor includes a reduction prevention layer over a region in the first oxide semiconductor layer between the source electrode and the drain electrode.

One embodiment is another specific structure of a logic circuit described as follows. The logic circuit includes first transistor in which a first clock signal is input to a gate, and an input signal is input to the one of a source and a drain; a first inverter whose input terminal is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the first transistor; a second inverter whose input terminal is electrically connected to an output terminal of the first inverter; a third inverter having an input terminal electrically connected to the output terminal of the first inverter, and an output terminal outputting an output signal; and a second transistor in which a second clock signal is input to a gate, one of a source and a drain is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the first transistor, and the other of the source and the drain is electrically connected to an output terminal of the second inverter. Each of the first inverter and the second inverter includes a depletion transistor in which a high power supply voltage is applied to one of a source and a drain, and a gate is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain; and an enhancement transistor in which a first signal is input to a gate, one of a source and a drain is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the depletion transistor, and a low power supply voltage is applied to the other of the source and the drain. The enhancement transistor outputs as a second signal a voltage of a portion where the enhancement transistor is connected to the depletion transistor. Each of the depletion transistor and the enhancement transistor includes a gate electrode; a gate insulating layer provided over the gate electrode; a first oxide semiconductor layer provided over the gate insulating layer; a pair of second oxide semiconductor layers in contact with part of the first oxide semiconductor layer, serving as a source region and a drain region; a source electrode in contact with one of the second oxide semiconductor layers, which is the source region; and a drain electrode in contact with the other of the second oxide semiconductor layers, which is the drain region. The enhancement transistor includes a reduction prevention layer over a region in the first oxide semiconductor layer between the source electrode and the drain electrode.

The enhancement transistor can include an oxygen vacancy control region between the source electrode and the

drain electrode over a surface of the first oxide semiconductor layer, which is opposite to a surface in contact with the gate insulating layer.

Each of the first oxide semiconductor layer and the second oxide semiconductor layers can contain indium, gallium, and zinc.

One embodiment is another specific structure of a logic circuit described as follows. The logic circuit includes a depletion transistor in which a high power supply voltage is applied to one of a source and a drain, and a gate is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain; and an enhancement transistor in which a first signal is input to a gate, one of a source and a drain is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the depletion transistor, and a low power supply voltage is applied to the other of the source and the drain. The enhancement transistor outputs as a second signal a voltage of a portion where the enhancement transistor is connected to the depletion transistor. Each of the depletion transistor and the enhancement transistor includes a gate electrode; a gate insulating layer provided over the gate electrode; an oxide semiconductor layer provided over the gate insulating layer; and a source electrode and a drain electrode in contact with part of the oxide semiconductor layer. The enhancement transistor includes a reduction prevention layer over a region in the oxide semiconductor layer between the source electrode and the drain electrode.

One embodiment is another specific structure of a logic circuit described as follows. The logic circuit includes a first transistor in which a first clock signal is input to a gate, and an input signal is input to the one of a source and a drain; a first inverter whose input terminal is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the first transistor; a second inverter whose input terminal is electrically connected to the output terminal of the first inverter; a third inverter having an input terminal electrically connected to the output terminal of the first inverter, and an output terminal outputting an output signal; and a second transistor in which a second clock signal is input to a gate, one of a source and a drain is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the first transistor, and the other of the source and the drain is electrically connected to the output terminal of the second inverter. Each of the first inverter and the second inverter includes a depletion transistor in which a high power supply voltage is applied to one of a source and a drain, and a gate is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain; and an enhancement transistor in which a first signal is input to a gate, one of a source and a drain is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the depletion transistor, and a low power supply voltage is applied to the other of the source and the drain. The enhancement transistor outputs as a second signal a voltage of a portion where the enhancement transistor is connected to the depletion transistor. Each of the depletion transistor and the enhancement transistor includes a gate electrode; a gate insulating layer provided over the gate electrode; an oxide semiconductor layer provided over the gate insulating layer; and a source electrode and a drain electrode in contact with part of the oxide semiconductor layer. The enhancement transistor includes a reduction prevention layer over a region in the oxide semiconductor layer between the source electrode and the drain electrode.

The enhancement transistor can include an oxygen vacancy control region between the source electrode and the drain electrode over a surface of the first oxide semiconductor layer, which is opposite to a surface in contact with the gate insulating layer.

The oxide semiconductor layer can contain indium, gallium, and zinc.

The depletion transistor and the enhancement transistor can have the same conductivity type.

The source electrode or the drain electrode of the depletion transistor can be in contact with the gate electrode of the enhancement transistor through an opening portion provided in the gate insulating layer.

An oxide semiconductor used in this specification is represented by $\text{InMO}_3(\text{ZnO})_m$ ($m > 0$). Note that M represents one or more of metal elements selected from gallium (Ga), iron (Fe), nickel (Ni), manganese (Mn), or cobalt (Co). As an example, M may be Ga or may include the above metal element in addition to Ga, for example, M may be Ga and Ni or Ga and Fe. Moreover, the oxide semiconductor may contain a transition metal element such as Fe or Ni or oxide of the transition metal element as an impurity element in addition to the metal element contained as M. Note that in this specification, an oxide semiconductor film containing indium, gallium, and zinc is also referred to as an In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film.

Since the In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film is formed by a sputtering method and subjected to heat treatment at a temperature of 200° C. to 500° C., specifically 300° C. to 400° C. for 10 to 100 minutes, the amorphous structure is observed by X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis as a crystal structure. Moreover, as for electric characteristics, a TFT with an on/off ratio of 10^9 or more and a mobility of 10 or more in the case where the gate voltage is ± 20 V can be manufactured.

Note that in this document (the specification, the scope of claims, the drawings, and the like), a logic circuit performs logic operation based on a signal input thereto and outputs a signal in accordance with the result of the operation. For example, the logic circuit includes a combinational logic circuit (e.g., a NOT circuit and a NAND circuit) and a sequential logic circuit (e.g., a flip flop circuit and a shift register) in its category.

An enhancement thin film transistor using an oxide semiconductor, in which the shift of the threshold voltage over time is suppressed, can be provided, whereby the transistor using the oxide semiconductor can be applied to a logic circuit including an enhancement transistor.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the accompanying drawings:

FIG. 1 is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a logic circuit in Embodiment 1;

FIGS. 2A and 2B are circuit diagrams for illustrating operation of a logic circuit in Embodiment 1;

FIG. 3 is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a logic circuit in Embodiment 1;

FIGS. 4A and 4B are circuit diagrams for illustrating operation of a logic circuit in Embodiment 1;

FIGS. 5C and 5D are circuit diagrams for illustrating operation of a logic circuit in Embodiment 1;

FIG. 6 is a timing chart illustrating operation of a logic circuit in Embodiment 1;

FIG. 7 is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a logic circuit in Embodiment 1;

FIGS. 8A and 8B are circuit diagrams for illustrating operation of a logic circuit in Embodiment 1;

FIGS. 9A to 9C each illustrate a structure of a logic circuit in Embodiment 1;

FIGS. 10A and 10B illustrate a structure of a logic circuit in Embodiment 1;

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FIG. 11 is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a logic circuit in Embodiment 2;

FIG. 12 is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a NAND circuit in Embodiment 2;

FIGS. 13A and 13B are circuit diagrams each illustrating operation of a NAND circuit in Embodiment 2;

FIG. 14 is a timing chart illustrating operation of a logic circuit in Embodiment 2;

FIGS. 15A and 15B illustrate a structure of a logic circuit in Embodiment 3;

FIGS. 16A and 16B illustrate a structure of a logic circuit in Embodiment 4;

FIGS. 17A and 17B are cross-sectional views illustrating a method for manufacturing a logic circuit in Embodiment 5;

FIGS. 18C and 18D are cross-sectional views illustrating a method for manufacturing a logic circuit in Embodiment 5;

FIG. 19 is a block diagram illustrating a structure of a display device in Embodiment 6;

FIGS. 20A and 20B are block diagrams each illustrating a structure of a driver circuit in a display device shown in Embodiment 6;

FIG. 21 is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a pixel in a display device in Embodiment 7;

FIGS. 22A and 22B illustrate a structure of a pixel in a display device in Embodiment 7;

FIGS. 23A to 23D each illustrate a structure of a pixel in a display device in Embodiment 7;

FIG. 24 is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a pixel in a display device in Embodiment 8;

FIGS. 25A to 25C are cross-sectional views each illustrating a structure of a pixel in a display device in Embodiment 8;

FIGS. 26A and 26B illustrate a structure of a display device in Embodiment 8;

FIG. 27 is a cross-sectional view illustrating a structure of electronic paper in Embodiment 9;

FIG. 28 illustrates an electronic device to which electronic paper in Embodiment 9 is applied;

FIGS. 29A to 29C each illustrate a structure of a display device in Embodiment 10;

FIGS. 30A and 30B each illustrate an electronic device in Embodiment 11;

FIGS. 31A and 31B each illustrate an electronic device in Embodiment 11;

FIGS. 32A and 32B each illustrate an electronic device in Embodiment 11; and

FIGS. 33A and 33B each illustrate a thin film transistor in Example 1.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Embodiments will be described below with reference to the accompanying drawings. Note that the invention disclosed in this specification is not limited to the following description, and it is easily understood by those skilled in the art that modes and details can be variously changed without departing from the spirit and the scope of the invention. Therefore, the invention disclosed in this specification is not construed as being limited to the description of the following embodiments. (Embodiment 1)

In this embodiment, one embodiment of a logic circuit will be described.

First, a circuit configuration of a logic circuit in this embodiment will be described with reference to FIG. 1. FIG. 1 is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a logic circuit in this embodiment.

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The logic circuit illustrated in FIG. 1 is a combinational logic circuit including a transistor 101 and a transistor 102.

Note that in this document (the specification, the scope of claims, the drawings, and the like), a transistor has at least three terminals of a gate, a source, and a drain.

The gate is the entire gate electrode and gate wiring or part thereof. The gate wiring is a wiring for electrically connecting a gate electrode of at least one transistor to another electrode or another wiring, and includes a scan line in a display device in its category, for example.

The source is the entire source region, source electrode, and source wiring or part thereof. The source region indicates a region in a semiconductor layer, where the resistivity is equal to or less than a given value. The source electrode indicates part of a conductive layer, which is connected to the source region. The source wiring is a wiring for electrically connecting a source electrode of at least one transistor to another electrode or another wiring. For example, in the case where a signal line in a display device is electrically connected to a source electrode, the source wiring includes the signal line in its category.

The drain is the entire drain region, drain electrode, and drain wiring or part thereof. The drain region indicates a region in a semiconductor layer, where the resistivity is equal to or less than a given value. The drain electrode indicates part of a conductive layer, which is connected to the drain region. The drain wiring is a wiring for electrically connecting a drain electrode of at least one transistor to another electrode or another wiring. For example, in the case where a signal line in a display device is electrically connected to a drain electrode, the drain wiring includes the signal line in its category.

In addition, in this document (the specification, the scope of claims, the drawings, and the like), a source and a drain of a transistor change depending on the structure, the operating conditions, or the like of the transistor; therefore, it is difficult to determine which is the source and which is the drain. Accordingly, in this document (the specification, the scope of claims, the drawings, and the like), one terminal which is freely selected from the source and the drain is referred to as one of the source and the drain, whereas the other terminal is referred to as the other of the source and the drain.

The transistor 101 is a depletion-type transistor (also referred to as a depletion transistor). One of a source and a drain of the transistor 101 is electrically connected to a power supply line 103, and a high power supply voltage (V_{dd}) is applied to one of the source and the drain through the power supply line 103. Moreover, a gate and the other of the source and the drain of the transistor 101 are electrically connected to each other (i.e., the transistor 101 is diode-connected). Note that an example of a depletion transistor is a transistor whose threshold voltage is negative in the case of an n-channel transistor.

Note that in general, a voltage refers to the difference between potentials of two points (also referred to as the potential difference), and a potential refers to electrostatic energy (electric potential energy) that a unit charge in an electrostatic field at one point has. However, in an electric circuit, the potential difference between a potential at one point and a potential serving as a reference (also referred to as a reference potential) is sometimes used as a value, for example. Moreover, both the value of a voltage and the value of a potential are represented by volts (V); therefore, in the document (the specification and the scope of claims) of the present application, a voltage at one point is sometimes used as a value unless otherwise specified.

The transistor 102 is an enhancement-type transistor (also referred to as an enhancement transistor). One of a source and

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a drain of the transistor **102** is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **101**. The other of the source and the drain of the transistor **102** is electrically connected to a power supply line **104**, and a low power supply voltage (V_{ss}) is applied to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **102** through the power supply line **104**. The low power supply voltage is a ground potential (V_{GND}) or a given voltage, for example. Note that an example of an enhancement transistor is a transistor whose threshold voltage is positive in the case of an n-channel transistor.

The high power supply voltage is relatively higher than the low power supply voltage, and the low power supply voltage is relatively lower than the high power supply voltage. Each value is set as appropriate based on specifications of a circuit or the like, and thus there is no particular limitation on the value. For example, when $V_{dd} > V_{ss}$, $|V_{dd}| > |V_{ss}|$ is not always satisfied. Moreover, when $V_{dd} > V_{ss}$, $V_{GND} \geq V_{ss}$ is not always satisfied.

Further, transistors of the same conductivity type can be used for the transistors **101** and **102**. In this embodiment, the case where the transistors **101** and **102** are n-channel transistors is described as an example.

Next, operation of the logic circuit illustrated in FIG. 1 will be described. In the logic circuit in this embodiment, a first signal is input to a gate of the transistor **102**, and a voltage at a portion (also referred to as a node) **105** where the transistors **101** and **102** are connected to each other is output as a second signal. Specific operation of the logic circuit will be described below.

The operation of the logic circuit in this embodiment can be classified into two categories depending on whether the first signal is in a low state or a high state. A low state is a state where a voltage is relatively low as compared to a high state, and a high state is a state where a voltage is relatively high as compared to a low state. Both cases will be described with reference to FIGS. 2A and 2B. FIGS. 2A and 2B illustrate operation of the logic circuit in this embodiment. Note that in this embodiment, the case where data is 0 in a low state and data is 1 in a high state is described as an example; however, one embodiment of the invention is not limited thereto, and data can be 1 in a low state and can be 0 in a high state. Note that a voltage in a low state is referred to a low voltage (V_L), and a voltage in a high state is referred to a high voltage (V_H). Values of the low voltage and the high voltage are not limited to specific values, and the low voltage should be equal to or lower than a given value and the high voltage should be equal to or higher than the given value.

FIG. 2A illustrates the operation in the case where a voltage (V_1) of the first signal is high (i.e., $V_1 = V_H$). As illustrated in FIG. 2A, in the case where $V_1 = V_H$, the transistor **102** is turned on. When the transistor **102** is on, the resistance (R_{102}) of the transistor **102** is lower than the resistance (R_{101}) of the transistor **101** (i.e., $R_{102} < R_{101}$); accordingly, a voltage (V_{105}) of the node **105** is V_L and a voltage (V_2) of the second signal is V_L .

FIG. 2B illustrates the operation in the case where $V_1 = V_L$. As illustrated in FIG. 2B, in the case where $V_1 = V_L$, the transistor **102** is turned off. When the transistor **102** is off, R_{102} is higher than R_{101} , so that V_{105} is V_H and V_2 is V_H . At this time, the value of V_H , which is the voltage of the second signal, is ($V_{dd} - V_{th101}$) (V_{th101} represents the threshold voltage of the transistor **101**). The above is the operation of the logic circuit illustrated in FIG. 1.

Further, a sequential logic circuit can be constituted by the combinational logic circuit illustrated in FIG. 1. A circuit configuration of a logic circuit using a combinational circuit

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will be described with reference to FIG. 3. FIG. 3 is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a logic circuit in this embodiment.

A logic circuit illustrated in FIG. 3 includes a transistor **111**, an inverter **1121**, an inverter **1122**, an inverter **1123**, and a transistor **113**.

A first clock signal (CL_1) is input to a gate of the transistor **111**, and a signal is input to one of a source and a drain of the transistor **111**. The signal input to one of the source and the drain is referred to as an input signal.

An input terminal of the inverter **1121** is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **111**.

An input terminal of the inverter **1122** is electrically connected to an output terminal of the inverter **1121**.

An input terminal of the inverter **1123** is electrically connected to the output terminal of the inverter **1121**. A second signal is output from an output terminal of the inverter **1123**.

The logic circuit illustrated in FIG. 1 can be applied to each of the inverters **1121** to **1123**.

A second clock signal (CL_2) is input to a gate of the transistor **113**. One of a source and a drain of the transistor **113** is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **111**. The other of the source and the drain of the transistor **113** is electrically connected to an output terminal of the inverter **1122**.

The first clock signal and the second clock signal each have two states of a high state and a low state. A voltage in a high state is a high voltage, and a voltage in a low state is a low voltage.

Moreover, the first clock signal and the second clock signal have opposite phases. For example, in a predetermined period, the second clock signal is low when the first clock signal is high, whereas the second clock signal is high when the first clock signal is low.

Note that in this embodiment, the case is described in which the first clock signal is input to the gate of the transistor **111** and the second clock signal is input to the gate of the transistor **113**; however, one embodiment of the invention is not limited thereto, and a structure can be employed in which the second clock signal is input to the gate of the transistor **111** and the first clock signal is input to the gate of the transistor **113**.

Next, operation of the logic circuit illustrated in FIG. 3 will be described with reference to FIGS. 4A and 4B, FIGS. 5C and 5D, and FIG. 6. FIGS. 4A and 4B and FIGS. 5C and 5D illustrate the operation of the logic circuit in FIG. 3. FIG. 6 is a timing chart illustrating the operation of the logic circuit in FIG. 3.

The operation of the logic circuit illustrated in FIG. 3 is mainly classified into four periods. Each period will be described below.

First, in a first period, as illustrated in FIG. 6, the first clock signal is high, that is, CL_1 is V_H and the second clock signal is low, that is, CL_2 is V_L . Accordingly, the transistor **111** is turned on and the transistor **113** is turned off as illustrated in FIG. 4A. Moreover, a voltage (V_{in}) of the input signal is a high voltage, that is, V_{in} is V_H .

At this time, since the transistor **111** is on, a voltage (V_{114}) of the node **114** is V_H . Since the voltage of the node **114** is applied to the input terminal of the inverter **1121**, a signal of V_L is output from the inverter **1121**, and a voltage (V_{115}) of a node **115** is V_L . Further, since the voltage of the node **115** is applied to the input terminal of the inverter **1122**, a signal of V_H is output from the inverter **1122**. However, the voltage of the output signal from the inverter **1122** is not applied to the node **114** because the transistor **113** is off. Moreover, the

voltage of the node **115** is also applied to the input terminal of the inverter **1123**, so that a signal of **VH** is output from the inverter **1123** as illustrated in FIG. **4A**. The above is the operation in the first period.

Next, in a second period, as illustrated in FIG. **6**, **CL1** is **VL** and **CL2** is **VH**; accordingly, the transistor **111** is turned off and the transistor **113** is turned on as illustrated in FIG. **4B**. Moreover, **Vin** is **VL**.

At this time, since the transistor **111** is off, **V114** remains **VH** even when **Vin** is **VL**. Since the voltage of the node **114** is applied to the input terminal of the inverter **1121**, a signal of **VL** is output from the inverter **1121**, and **V115** remains **VL**. Further, the voltage of the node **115** is applied to the input terminal of the inverter **1122**, and a signal of **VH** is output from the inverter **1122**. Moreover, since the transistor **113** is off, the voltage of the signal from the inverter **1122** is applied to the node **114**. The voltage of the node **115** is also applied to the input terminal of the inverter **1123**, so that a signal of **VH** is output from the inverter **1123** as illustrated in FIG. **4B**. The above is the operation in the second period.

Next, in a third period, as illustrated in FIG. **6**, **CL1** is **VH** and **CL2** is **VL**; accordingly, the transistor **111** is turned on and the transistor **113** is turned off as illustrated in FIG. **5C**. Moreover, **Vin** remains **VL**.

At this time, since the transistor **111** is on, **V114** is **VH**. Since the voltage of the node **114** is applied to the input terminal of the inverter **1121**, a signal of **VH** is output from the inverter **1121**, and **V115** is **VH**. Further, since the voltage of the node **115** is applied to the input terminal of the inverter **1122**, a signal of **VL** is output from the inverter **1122**. However, the voltage of the output signal from the inverter **1122** is not applied to the node **114** because the transistor **113** is off. Moreover, the voltage of the node **115** is also applied to the input terminal of the inverter **1123**, so that a signal of **VL** is output from the inverter **1123** as illustrated in FIG. **5C**. The above is the operation in the third period.

Next, in a fourth period, as illustrated in FIG. **6**, **CL1** is **VL** and **CL2** is **VH**; accordingly, the transistor **111** is turned off and the transistor **113** is turned on as illustrated in FIG. **5D**. Moreover, **Vin** remains **VL**.

At this time, since the transistor **111** is off, **V114** remains **VL**. Since **V114** is **VL**, a signal of **VH** is output from the inverter **1121**, and **V115** remains **VH**. Further, since **V115** is **VH**, a signal of **VL** is output from the inverter **1122**, and since the transistor **113** is on, the voltage of the signal from the inverter **1122** is applied to the node **114**. Moreover, the voltage of the node **115** is also applied to the input terminal of the inverter **1123**, so that a signal of **VL** is output from the inverter **1123** as illustrated in FIG. **5D**. The above is the operation in the fourth period.

Through the above operation, the logic circuit illustrated in FIG. **3** can generate an output signal based on a state of a signal input thereto.

Note that in the logic circuit illustrated in FIG. **3**, a combinational logic circuit using a bootstrap method can be applied to the inverter **1123**. A logic circuit using a bootstrap method will be described with reference to FIG. **7**. FIG. **7** is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a logic circuit using a bootstrap method in this embodiment.

The logic circuit illustrated in FIG. **7** includes a transistor **106**, a capacitor **108**, and a capacitor **109** in addition to the circuit configuration of the logic circuit illustrated in FIG. **1**, and also includes a transistor **107** instead of the transistor **101**. In the logic circuit in FIG. **7**, the description of the logic circuit in FIG. **1** is employed as appropriate for the same portion as the logic circuit in FIG. **1**.

A gate and one of a source and a drain of the transistor **106** are electrically connected to the power supply line **103**, and the high power supply voltage is applied to the gate and one of the source and the drain. The other of the source and the drain of the transistor **106** is electrically connected to a gate of the transistor **107**.

The gate of the transistor **107** is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **106**. One of a source and a drain of the transistor **107** is electrically connected to the power supply line **103**, and the high power supply voltage is applied to one of the source and the drain.

The capacitor **108** has a first terminal and a second terminal. The first terminal is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **106**, and the second terminal is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **107**.

The capacitor **109** has a first terminal and a second terminal. The first terminal is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **107**. The second terminal is electrically connected to the power supply line **104**, and the low power supply voltage is applied to the second terminal.

Next, operation of the logic circuit illustrated in FIG. **7** will be described.

In the logic circuit in FIG. **7**, as in the logic circuit in FIG. **1**, the first signal is input to the gate of the transistor **102**, and a voltage of a node **1111** between the transistors **107** and **102** is output as the second signal.

The operation of the logic circuit illustrated in FIG. **7** can be classified into two categories depending on whether the voltage of the first signal is low or high. Both cases will be described with reference to FIGS. **8A** and **8B**. FIGS. **8A** and **8B** illustrate operation of the logic circuit in this embodiment. Note that in this embodiment, the case where data is 0 in a low state and data is 1 in a high state is described as an example; however, one embodiment of the invention is not limited thereto, and data can be 1 in a low state and can be 0 in a high state.

FIG. **8A** illustrates the operation in the case where **V1**=**VH**. As illustrated in FIG. **8A**, in the case where **V1**=**VH**, the transistor **102** is turned on. When the transistor **102** is on, the resistance of the transistor **102** is lower than the resistance (**R107**) of the transistor **107** (i.e., **R102**<**R107**), and a voltage (**V1111**) of the node **1111** is **VL**; thus, **V2** is **VL**. Further, the transistor **106** is turned off at the time when a voltage of a node **110** between the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **106** and the gate of the transistor **107** becomes a value obtained by subtracting the threshold voltage (**Vth106**) of the transistor **106** from the high power supply voltage, that is, (**Vdd**-**Vth106**), and the node **110** enters into a floating state.

FIG. **8B** illustrates the operation in the case where **V1**=**VL**. As illustrated in FIG. **8B**, in the case where **V1**=**VL**, the transistor **102** is turned off. When the transistor **102** is off, **R102** is higher than **R107**, and the voltage of the node **1111** is increased by the capacitor **109** and the voltage of the node **110** is also increased by capacitive coupling with the capacitor **108**. Thus, it follows that **V2**=**V110**=**V1111**=**VH**. At this time, the value of **VH** is larger than **VH**, which is the voltage of the second signal in the logic circuit illustrated in FIG. **1**, and expressed as **VH**=**Vdd**+**Vth106**. The above is the operation of the logic circuit illustrated in FIG. **7**.

As described above, by using the logic circuit in FIG. **7** as the inverter **1123**, the voltage of the second signal can be amplified.

Next, a structure of the logic circuit in FIG. **1** will be described with reference to FIGS. **9A** to **9C**. FIGS. **9A** to **9C**

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each illustrate a structure of the logic circuit in FIG. 1. FIG. 9A is a top view. Each of FIGS. 9B and 9C is a cross-sectional view of the logic circuit along Z1-Z2 in FIG. 9A.

As illustrated in FIGS. 9A and 9B, the logic circuit in this embodiment includes a transistor 201 and a transistor 202. Specifically, the logic circuit includes a substrate 210; gate electrodes 2111 and 2112 over the substrate 210; a gate insulating layer 212 provided so as to cover the gate electrodes 2111 and 2112; an oxide semiconductor layer 2131 provided over the gate insulating layer 212 over the gate electrode 2111; an oxide semiconductor layer 2132 provided over the gate insulating layer 212 over the gate electrode 2112; oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b; and a reduction prevention layer 218.

The transistor 201 corresponds to the transistor 101 in FIG. 1. The gate electrode 2111 is provided over the substrate 210. The gate insulating layer 212 is provided over the gate electrode 2111. The oxide semiconductor layer 2131 is provided over the gate insulating layer 212. The oxide semiconductor layers 2141a and 2141b, which are a pair of oxide semiconductor layers, are provided over the oxide semiconductor layer 2131. Electrodes 215 and 216, which are a pair of electrodes, are provided so as to be in contact with the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a and 2141b, respectively.

When it is explicitly described that B is formed on or over A, it does not necessarily mean that B is formed in direct contact with A. The description includes the case where A and B are not in direct contact with each other, that is, the case where another object is placed between A and B. Here, each of A and B corresponds to an object (e.g., a device, an element, a circuit, a wiring, an electrode, a terminal, a film, or a layer).

Therefore, for example, when it is explicitly described that a layer B is formed on or over a layer A, it includes both the case where the layer B is formed in direct contact with the layer A, and the case where another layer (e.g., a layer C or a layer D) is formed in direct contact with the layer A and the layer B is formed in direct contact with the layer C or the layer D. Note that another layer (e.g., the layer C or the layer D) may be a single layer or a plurality of layers.

The transistor 202 corresponds to the transistor 102 in FIG. 1. The gate electrode 2112 is provided over the substrate 210. The gate insulating layer 212 is provided over the gate electrode 2112. The oxide semiconductor layer 2132 is provided over the gate insulating layer 212. The oxide semiconductor layers 2142a and 2142b, which are a pair of oxide semiconductor layers, are provided over the oxide semiconductor layer 2132. The electrode 216 and an electrode 217, which are a pair of electrodes, are provided so as to be in contact with the oxide semiconductor layers 2142a and 2142b, respectively. The reduction prevention layer 218 is provided over the oxide semiconductor layer 2132.

For the substrate 210, an alkali-free glass substrate manufactured by a fusion method or a float method, such as a substrate of barium borosilicate glass, aluminoborosilicate glass, or aluminosilicate glass; a ceramic substrate; a plastic substrate which has high heat resistance enough to withstand a process temperature of this manufacturing process; or the like can be used. As the plastic substrate, a fiberglass-reinforced plastics (FRP) plate, a polyvinyl fluoride (PVF) film, a polyester film, or an acrylic resin film can be used, for example. Moreover, a sheet in which aluminum foil is placed between PVF films or polyester films can be used as the substrate.

The gate electrodes 2111 and 2112 can be formed with a single-layer structure or a layered structure using a metal material such as molybdenum, titanium, chromium, tanta-

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lum, tungsten, aluminum, copper, neodymium, or scandium or an alloy material containing any of these materials as a main component, for example. The edges of the gate electrodes 2111 and 2112 are preferably tapered.

For example, for a two-layer structure of the gate electrodes 2111 and 2112, it is preferable to employ any of the following two-layer structures: a structure where a molybdenum layer is stacked over an aluminum layer; a structure where a molybdenum layer is stacked over a copper layer; a structure where a titanium nitride layer or a tantalum nitride layer is stacked over a copper layer; a structure where a titanium nitride layer and a molybdenum layer are stacked. For a layered structure, a tungsten layer or a tungsten nitride layer, a layer of an alloy of aluminum and silicon or an alloy of aluminum and titanium, and a titanium nitride layer or a titanium layer are preferably stacked.

For the gate insulating layer 212, one of oxide, nitride, oxynitride, and nitride oxide of silicon, aluminum, yttrium, tantalum, or hafnium; or a compound containing at least two such materials can be used. Moreover, a halogen element such as chlorine or fluorine may be contained in the gate insulating layer 212.

The oxide semiconductor layers 2131 and 2132 are first oxide semiconductor layers. As the oxide semiconductor layers 2131 and 2132, an In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film can be used, for example.

The oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b are second oxide semiconductor layers and function as source regions and drain regions. The oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b are formed using, for example, an In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film formed under deposition conditions which are different from those of the oxide semiconductor layers 2131 and 2132. For example, when the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b are formed using an oxide semiconductor film obtained under a condition where the flow rate of an argon gas for sputtering is 40 sccm, they have n-type conductivity and have an activation energy (ΔE) of 0.01 eV to 0.1 eV. Note that in this embodiment, the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b are In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal films and include at least amorphous components. Moreover, the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b may include crystal grains (nanocrystals). The crystal grain (the nanocrystal) in the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b has a diameter of 1 nm to 10 nm, typically approximately 2 nm to 4 nm.

Note that the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b are not necessarily provided. As illustrated in FIG. 9C, a structure where the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b are not provided may be employed. However, by the provision of the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b, a junction between an upper electrode and the first oxide semiconductor layer can be satisfactory, and thermally stable operation can be performed as compared to a Schottky junction. Moreover, favorable mobility can be maintained at a high drain voltage.

The electrodes 215 to 217 function as a source electrode or a drain electrode. The electrodes 215 to 217 preferably have a single-layer structure or a layered structure using an element such as aluminum, copper, chromium, silicon, titanium, neodymium, scandium, or molybdenum or an aluminum alloy to which an element for preventing hillocks is added. Further, when heat treatment of 200° C. to 600° C. is performed, the conductive film preferably has heat resistance enough to withstand the heat treatment. For example, when a layered structure of a titanium film, an aluminum film, and a

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titanium film is employed for the electrodes **215** to **217**, the electrodes **215** to **217** have low resistance and hillocks are not likely to occur in the aluminum film. The electrodes **215** to **217** can be formed by a sputtering method or a vacuum evaporation method. Alternatively, the electrodes **215** to **217** may be formed by discharging a conductive nanopaste of silver, gold, copper, or the like by a screen printing method, an ink jet method, or the like and baking the nanopaste.

The reduction prevention layer **218** is provided at least over a region (also referred to as a back channel region) in the oxide semiconductor layer **2132** between the electrodes **216** and **217**, and has functions of preventing impurities such as moisture from entering the oxide semiconductor layer **2132** and preventing reduction of the back channel region. As the reduction prevention layer **218**, a non-reducible film such as an oxide film made of silicon oxide, aluminum oxide, or the like can be used, for example. Note that the reduction prevention layer **218** should have a function of preventing reduction as one of its functions, and another function can be added to the reduction prevention layer **218**.

Note that as the transistor **202** in the logic circuit shown in this embodiment, a thin film transistor can be used in which the threshold voltage is shifted by predetermined processing on a back channel region so that the thin film transistor is an enhancement transistor. Processing for controlling the density of oxygen vacancies (also referred to as oxide vacancy defects) is an example of the predetermined processing (such processing is also referred to as oxygen vacancy control processing). Examples of the oxygen vacancy control processing are oxygen plasma treatment, annealing treatment under an oxygen stream, and oxygen ion irradiation treatment. For example, the oxygen plasma treatment refers to treatment in which a surface of an oxide semiconductor layer is treated with radicals generated by glow discharge plasma of an oxygen gas, and instead of using only oxygen, a mixture gas of an oxygen gas and a rare gas may be employed as the gas used for generating plasma. By using the thin film transistor, a logic circuit using a plurality of transistors whose threshold voltages are different from each other can be formed more easily even when a transistor using an oxide semiconductor is used. The density of oxygen vacancies of the transistors **201** and **202** are made different from each other with the oxygen vacancy control processing, so that a logic circuit including both a depletion transistor and an enhancement transistor can be formed.

In addition, in the logic circuit in this embodiment, one of a source electrode and a drain electrode of one transistor may be directly connected to a gate electrode of another transistor. The logic circuit with such a structure will be described with reference to FIGS. **10A** and **10B**. FIGS. **10A** and **10B** illustrate a structure of the logic circuit in this embodiment. FIG. **10A** is a top view of the logic circuit. FIG. **10B** is a cross-sectional view of the logic circuit along Z1-Z2 in FIG. **10A**. Note that in the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. **10A** and **10B**, the description of the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. **9A** to **9C** is employed as appropriate for the same portion as the logic circuit in FIGS. **9A** to **9C**.

Like the logic circuit in FIGS. **9A** to **9C**, the logic circuit in FIGS. **10A** and **10B** includes the transistors **201** and **202**. Further, in the transistor **201** of the logic circuit in FIGS. **10A** and **10B**, the gate electrode **2111** is directly connected to the electrode **216** through an opening portion provided in the gate insulating layer **212**.

In the logic circuit using the transistor in which the gate electrode **2112** and the electrode **216** are connected through the opening portion provided in the gate insulating layer **212** as described above, satisfactory contact can be obtained, and

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contact resistance can be reduced. Accordingly, the number of openings can be reduced, which results in reducing the area occupied by the logic circuit.

As described above, a logic circuit including transistors whose threshold voltages are different from each other can be provided by using thin film transistors including an oxide semiconductor. Moreover, by using the thin film transistors including the oxide semiconductor, the logic circuit can operate at high speed. Further, since the logic circuit can be formed using transistors of the same conductivity type, the process can be simplified as compared to that of a logic circuit using transistors of different conductivity types. (Embodiment 2)

In this embodiment, a shift register using the logic circuit illustrated in FIG. **3** in Embodiment 1 as a unit sequential logic circuit will be described. Note that in this embodiment, the case where the logic circuit in FIG. **3** serves as the unit sequential logic circuit is described as an example.

The shift register in this embodiment includes a plurality of logic circuits in FIG. **3** in Embodiment 1 as unit sequential logic circuits, and a plurality of unit sequential logic circuits are electrically connected to each other in series. A specific structure will be described with reference to FIG. **11**. FIG. **11** is a circuit diagram illustrating a structure of the shift register in this embodiment.

The shift register illustrated in FIG. **11** includes a logic circuit **3011**, a logic circuit **3012**, a logic circuit **3013**, a NAND circuit **3140**, a NAND circuit **3141**, a NAND circuit **3142**, and a NAND circuit **3143**. Note that although FIG. **11** illustrates three (also referred to as three-stage) unit sequential logic circuits, one embodiment of the invention is not limited thereto and may include at least two-stage unit sequential logic circuits.

The logic circuit **3011** includes a transistor **3111**, an inverter **3121A**, an inverter **3122A**, an inverter **3123A**, and a transistor **3131**. The logic circuit **3011** has the same circuit configuration as the logic circuit in FIG. **3**. Specifically, the transistor **3111** corresponds to the transistor **111**; the inverter **3121A**, the inverter **1121**; the inverter **3122A**, the inverter **1122**; the inverter **3123A**, the inverter **1123**; and the transistor **3131**, the transistor **113**. Therefore, the description of the logic circuit in FIG. **3** is employed as appropriate for each element. Moreover, in the logic circuit **3011**, a first clock signal is input to a gate of the transistor **3111**, and a second clock signal is input to a gate of the transistor **3131**.

The logic circuit **3012** includes a transistor **3112**, an inverter **3121B**, an inverter **3122B**, an inverter **3123B**, and a transistor **3132**. The logic circuit **3012** has the same configuration as the logic circuit in FIG. **3**. Specifically, the transistor **3112** corresponds to the transistor **111**; the inverter **3121B**, the inverter **1121**; the inverter **3122B**, the inverter **1122**; the inverter **3123B**, the inverter **1123**; and the transistor **3132**, the transistor **113**. Therefore, the description of the logic circuit in FIG. **3** is employed as appropriate for each element. Moreover, in the logic circuit **3012**, the second clock signal is input to a gate of the transistor **3112**, and the first clock signal is input to a gate of the transistor **3132**.

The logic circuit **3013** includes a transistor **3113**, an inverter **3121C**, an inverter **3122C**, an inverter **3123C**, and a transistor **3133**. The logic circuit **3013** has the same configuration as the logic circuit in FIG. **3**. Specifically, the transistor **3113** corresponds to the transistor **111**; the inverter **3121C**, the inverter **1121**; the inverter **3122C**, the inverter **1122**; the inverter **3123C**, the inverter **1123**; and the transistor **3133**, the transistor **113**. Therefore, the description of the logic circuit in FIG. **3** is employed as appropriate for each element. Moreover, in the logic circuit **3013**, the first clock signal is input to

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a gate of the transistor **3113**, and the second clock signal is input to a gate of the transistor **3133**.

An output terminal of the inverter **3123A** in the logic circuit **3011** is electrically connected to one of a source and a drain of the transistor **3112** in the logic circuit **3012**. An output terminal of the inverter **3123B** in the logic circuit **3012** is electrically connected to one of a source and a drain of the transistor **3113** in the logic circuit **3013**.

Further, in the logic circuit **3011**, one of a source and a drain of the transistor **3111** is electrically connected to a first input terminal of the NAND circuit **3140**, and the output terminal of the inverter **3123A** is electrically connected to a second input terminal of the NAND circuit **3140** and a first input terminal of the NAND circuit **3141**. In the logic circuit **3012**, one of the source and the drain of the transistor **3112** is electrically connected to the second input terminal of the NAND circuit **3140** and the first input terminal of the NAND circuit **3141**, and the output terminal of the inverter **3123B** is electrically connected to a second input terminal of the NAND circuit **3141** and a first input terminal of the NAND circuit **3142**. In the logic circuit **3013**, one of the source and the drain of the transistor **3113** is electrically connected to the second input terminal of the NAND circuit **3141** and the first input terminal of the NAND circuit **3142**, and an output terminal of the inverter **3123C** is electrically connected to a second input terminal of the NAND circuit **3142** and a first input terminal of the NAND circuit **3143**.

Each of the NAND circuits **3140** to **3143** can be constituted by transistors having the same conductivity type as the transistors included in the logic circuits. By using transistors of the same conductivity type, the NAND circuit can be formed in the same process as the logic circuit, and thus can be easily formed. A circuit configuration of a NAND circuit including transistors of the same conductivity type will be described with reference to FIG. 12. FIG. 12 is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a NAND circuit in this embodiment.

The NAND circuit illustrated in FIG. 12 includes a transistor **321**, a transistor **322**, and a transistor **323**.

The transistor **321** is a depletion transistor. One of a source and a drain of the transistor **321** is electrically connected to a power supply line **325**, and a high power supply voltage is applied to one of the source and the drain. A gate and the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **321** are electrically connected to each other.

The transistor **322** is an enhancement transistor. One of a source and a drain of the transistor **322** is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **321**.

The transistor **323** is an enhancement transistor. One of a source and a drain of the transistor **323** is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **322**. The other of the source and the drain of the transistor **323** is electrically connected to a power supply line **324**, and a low power supply voltage is applied to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **323**.

In the logic circuit in this embodiment, a first input signal is input to a gate of the transistor **323**, a second input signal is input to a gate of the transistor **322**, and a voltage (**V326**) of a node **326** between the transistor **322** and the transistor **321** is output as an output signal.

Next, operation of the NAND circuit illustrated in FIG. 12 will be described.

The operation of the NAND circuit in FIG. 12 can be classified into two categories depending on whether at least one of a voltage (**Vin1**) of the first input signal and a voltage (**Vin2**) of the second input signal is low or the voltages of the

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first and second input signals are high. Both cases will be described with reference to FIGS. 13A and 13B. FIGS. 13A and 13B illustrate operation of the NAND circuit in this embodiment. Note that in this embodiment, the case where data is 0 in a low state and data is 1 in a high state is described as an example; however, one embodiment of the invention is not limited thereto, and data can be 1 in a low state and can be 0 in a high state.

FIG. 13A illustrates the operation in the case where **Vin1**=VH and **Vin2**=VL, the case where **Vin1**=VL and **Vin2**=VH, and the case where **Vin1**=VL and **Vin2**=VL. At this time, one or both of the transistors **322** and **323** is/are turned off, and the resistance (**R322**+**R323**) of the transistors **322** and **323** is higher than the resistance (**R321**) of the transistor **321**, that is, (**R322**+**R323**)>**R321**; accordingly, **V326** is VH, and a voltage (**Vout**) of the output signal is VH.

FIG. 13B illustrates the operation in the case where **Vin1**=VH and **Vin2**=VH. At this time, the transistors **321** and **322** are turned on, and it follows that **R322**+**R323**<**R321**; accordingly, **V326** is VL, and **Vout** is VL. The above is the operation of the NAND circuit illustrated in FIG. 12.

When the NAND circuit is formed using transistors of the same conductivity type as described above, it can be formed in the same process as another logic circuit. Moreover, one embodiment of the invention is not limited to the structure in FIG. 12, and the NAND circuit can have another structure if it can have the same function.

Next, operation of the shift register illustrated in FIG. 11 will be described with reference to FIG. 14. FIG. 14 is a timing chart illustrating the operation of the shift register in FIG. 11.

In the shift register in FIG. 11, the operations of the logic circuit, which are illustrated in FIGS. 4A and 4B, FIGS. 5C and 5D, and FIG. 6, are sequentially performed in each of the logic circuits **3011** to **3013**. For the operation of each logic circuit, the description of the operation of the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. 4A and 4B, FIGS. 5C and 5D, and FIG. 6 is employed as appropriate.

The operation of the shift register in this embodiment is classified into ten periods as illustrated in FIG. 14. In a first period, a voltage **Vin** of an input signal to the logic circuit **3011** is VH. In a second period and a third period, a voltage (**V3171**) of a node **3171** between the logic circuit **3011** and the logic circuit **3012** is changed from VH to VL. Further, in the third period and a fourth period, a voltage of an output signal from the NAND circuit **3140** is VH.

In the fourth period and a fifth period, a voltage of an input signal to the logic circuit **3012** (an output signal from the logic circuit **3011**) is changed from VL to VH. In the fifth period and a sixth period, a voltage (**V3172**) of a node **3172** between the logic circuit **3012** and the logic circuit **3013** is changed from VH to VL. In the sixth period and a seventh period, a voltage of an output signal from the NAND circuit **3141** is VH.

In the seventh period and an eighth period, a voltage of an input signal to the logic circuit **3013** (an output signal from the logic circuit **3012**) is changed from VL to VH. In the eighth period and a ninth period, a voltage (**V3173**) of a node **3173** between the logic circuit **3013** and a next-stage logic circuit is changed from VH to VL. In the ninth period and a tenth period, a voltage of an output signal from the NAND circuit **3142** is VH.

When another logic circuit is connected to an output terminal of the logic circuit **3013**, a voltage of an input signal is changed from VL to VH in a given period and a voltage of an output signal is changed to VH in another given period as described above. Moreover, in a period where a voltage of the

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output signal from another logic circuit is VL, a voltage of an output signal from the NAND circuit 3143 is VH.

As described above, a shift register can be constituted by logic circuits including TFTs using an oxide semiconductor. The TFT using the oxide semiconductor has higher mobility than a conventional TFT using amorphous silicon; therefore, by applying the TFT using the oxide semiconductor to the shift register, the shift register can operate at high speed.

Note that this embodiment can be implemented in combination with other embodiments as appropriate. (Embodiment 3)

In this embodiment, a logic circuit including a transistor having a structure different from that in the above embodiment will be described.

A logic circuit which is one embodiment of the invention disclosed in this specification can be formed using not only transistors with the structures illustrated in FIGS. 9A to 9C but also transistors with another structure. A logic circuit to which a transistor with another structure is applied will be described with reference to FIGS. 15A and 15B. FIGS. 15A and 15B illustrate a structure of the logic circuit in this embodiment. FIG. 15A is a top view, and FIG. 15B is a cross-sectional view of the logic circuit along Z1-Z2 in FIG. 15A. Note that in the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. 15A and 15B, the description of the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. 9A to 9C is employed as appropriate for the same portion as the logic circuit in FIGS. 9A to 9C.

Like the logic circuit in FIGS. 9A to 9C, the logic circuit in FIGS. 15A and 15B includes the transistor 201 and the transistor 202.

Moreover, in the transistor 201 of the logic circuit in FIGS. 15A and 15B, the gate electrode 2111 is provided over the substrate 210. The gate insulating layer 212 is provided over the gate electrode 2111. The electrodes 215 and 216, which are a pair of electrodes, are provided over the gate insulating layer 212. The oxide semiconductor layers 2141a and 2141b are provided over the electrodes 215 and 216. The oxide semiconductor layer 2131 is provided over the gate insulating layer 212 and the electrodes 215 and 216.

In the transistor 202, the gate electrode 2112 is provided over the substrate 210. The gate insulating layer 212 is provided over the gate electrode 2112. The electrodes 216 and 217, which are a pair of electrodes, are provided over the gate insulating layer 212. The oxide semiconductor layers 2142a and 2142b are provided over the electrodes 216 and 217. The oxide semiconductor layer 2132 is provided over the gate insulating layer 212, the oxide semiconductor layers 2142a and 2142b, and the electrodes 216 and 217. The reduction prevention layer 218 is provided over a region in the oxide semiconductor layer 2132 between the electrodes 216 and 217. Note that the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a and 2141b correspond to the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a and 2141b in the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. 9A and 9B, and the oxide semiconductor layers 2142a and 2142b correspond to the oxide semiconductor layers 2142a and 2142b in the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. 9A and 9B.

The logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. 15A and 15B includes a transistor in which the oxide semiconductor layers 2131 and 2132 are formed over the electrodes 215 to 217 and the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b (such a structure is also referred to as a bottom-contact type). When the logic circuit which is one embodiment of the invention disclosed in this specification is formed using a bottom-contact transistor, the area where the oxide semiconductor layer and the electrode are in contact with each other can be increased, so that peeling or the like can be prevented.

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In addition, as the transistor 202 in the logic circuit in FIGS. 15A and 15B, a thin film transistor can be used in which the threshold voltage is shifted by predetermined processing on a back channel region so that the thin film transistor is an enhancement transistor, as in the logic circuit in FIGS. 9A to 9C. The processing shown in Embodiment 1 can be applied to the predetermined processing.

Note that the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b are provided in the logic circuit in FIGS. 15A and 15B as in the logic circuit in FIGS. 9A and 9B; however, one embodiment of the invention is not limited thereto, and a structure where the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a, 2141b, 2142a, and 2142b are not provided may be employed.

Further, in the logic circuit in FIGS. 15A and 15B, the gate electrode 2112 of the transistor 202 and the electrode 216 can be in contact with each other through an opening portion provided in the gate insulating layer 212, as in the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. 10A and 10B.

Note that this embodiment can be implemented in combination with other embodiments as appropriate. (Embodiment 4)

In this embodiment, a logic circuit including a transistor having a structure different from those in the above embodiments will be described.

A logic circuit can be formed using not only transistors with the structures illustrated in FIGS. 9A to 9C and FIGS. 15A and 15B but also transistors with another structure. A logic circuit to which a transistor with a structure which is different from those in FIGS. 9A to 9C and FIGS. 15A and 15B is applied will be described with reference to FIGS. 16A and 16B. FIGS. 16A and 16B illustrate a structure of the logic circuit in this embodiment. FIG. 16A is a top view, and FIG. 16B is a cross-sectional view along Z1-Z2 in FIG. 16A. Note that in the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. 16A and 16B, the description of the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. 9A to 9C is employed as appropriate for the same portion as the logic circuit in FIGS. 9A to 9C.

Like the logic circuit in FIGS. 9A to 9C, the logic circuit in FIGS. 16A and 16B includes the transistor 201 and the transistor 202.

In the transistor 201 of the logic circuit in FIGS. 16A and 16B, the gate electrode 2111 is provided over the substrate 210. The gate insulating layer 212 is provided over the gate electrode 2111. The oxide semiconductor layer 2131 is provided over the gate insulating layer 212. A buffer layer 2191 is provided over part of the oxide semiconductor layer 2131. The oxide semiconductor layers 2141a and 2141b are provided over the oxide semiconductor layer 2131 and the buffer layer 2191. The electrodes 215 and 216, which are a pair of electrodes, are provided over the oxide semiconductor layers 2141a and 2141b, respectively.

In the transistor 202, the gate electrode 2112 is provided over the substrate 210. The gate insulating layer 212 is provided over the gate electrode 2112. The oxide semiconductor layer 2132 is provided over the gate insulating layer 212. A buffer layer 2192 is provided over a region in the oxide semiconductor layer 2132 between the electrodes 216 and 217. The oxide semiconductor layers 2142a and 2142b are provided over the oxide semiconductor layer 2132 and the buffer layer 2192. The electrodes 216 and 217, which are a pair of electrodes, are provided over the oxide semiconductor layers 2142a and 2142b, respectively.

For the buffer layers 2191 and 2192, an inorganic material (e.g., silicon oxide, silicon nitride, silicon oxynitride, or silicon nitride oxide) can be used. Alternatively, a photosensitive or non-photosensitive organic material (organic resin mate-

rial, for example, polyimide, acrylic, polyamide, polyimide-amide, resist, or benzocyclobutene), a film made of plural kinds of these materials, or a layered film of such films can be used, or siloxane may be used. As a method for manufacturing the buffer layers **2191** and **2192**, a vapor deposition method such as a plasma CVD method or a thermal CVD method, or a sputtering method can be used. Alternatively, a coating method such as a spin coating method, a droplet discharging method, or a printing method (such as screen printing or offset printing by which a pattern is formed), which is a wet process, may be used. The buffer layers **2191** and **2192** may be formed in such a manner that a film is deposited and then etched so that the shape is processed, or may be selectively formed by a droplet discharging method or the like.

The logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. **16A** and **16B** includes a transistor in which the buffer layer is provided (such a structure is also referred to as a channel-stop type). For example, when the buffer layer is formed using a non-reducible film (formed of silicon oxide or aluminum oxide, for example), the buffer layer can function as a reduction prevention layer; accordingly, the logic circuit which is one embodiment of the invention disclosed in this specification can be formed using a transistor with the same structure as a conventional channel-stop transistor.

In addition, as the transistor **202** in the logic circuit in FIGS. **16A** and **16B**, a thin film transistor can be used in which the threshold voltage is shifted by predetermined processing on a back channel region so that the thin film transistor is an enhancement transistor. The processing shown in Embodiment 1 can be applied to the predetermined processing.

Note that the oxide semiconductor layers **2141a**, **2141b**, **2142a**, and **2142b** are provided in the logic circuit in FIGS. **16A** and **16B** as in the logic circuit in FIGS. **9A** and **9B**; however, one embodiment of the invention is not limited thereto, and a structure where the oxide semiconductor layers **2141a**, **2141b**, **2142a**, and **2142b** are not provided may be employed.

Further, in the logic circuit in FIGS. **16A** and **16B**, the gate electrode **2112** of the transistor **202** and the electrode **216** can be in contact with each other through an opening portion provided in the gate insulating layer **212**, as in the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. **10A** and **10B**.

Note that this embodiment can be implemented in combination with other embodiments as appropriate. (Embodiment 5)

In this embodiment, a method for manufacturing a logic circuit will be described. Note that in this embodiment, a method for manufacturing the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. **9A** and **9B** is described as an example.

A method for manufacturing a logic circuit in this embodiment will be described with reference to FIGS. **17A** and **17B** and FIGS. **18C** and **18D**. FIGS. **17A** and **17B** and FIGS. **18C** and **18D** are cross-sectional views illustrating a method for manufacturing the logic circuit in this embodiment.

First, as illustrated in FIG. **17A**, a first conductive film is formed over the substrate **210**. The first conductive film is selectively etched using a first photomask so that the gate electrodes **2111** and **2112** are formed. Then, the gate insulating layer **212** is formed over the gate electrodes **2111** and **2112**. The first conductive film can be formed by a sputtering method, for example. The gate insulating layer **212** can be formed by a plasma CVD method or a sputtering method. At this time, the gate electrodes **2111** and **2112** are preferably formed to be tapered.

Next, a first oxide semiconductor film is formed over the gate insulating layer **212**, and a second oxide semiconductor

film is formed thereover. The first oxide semiconductor film can be formed by a sputtering method, for example. Note that before the first oxide semiconductor film is formed, reverse sputtering in which plasma is generated by introduction of an argon gas is preferably performed to remove dust attached to a surface of the gate insulating layer **212** and a bottom surface of an opening portion. The reverse sputtering is a method in which voltage is applied to the substrate side, not to the target side, using an RF power supply in an argon atmosphere to generate plasma on the substrate so that a surface of the substrate is modified. Note that nitrogen, helium, or the like may be used instead of the argon atmosphere. Further, the reverse sputtering may be performed in an atmosphere where oxygen, hydrogen, N_2O , or the like is added to the argon atmosphere or in an atmosphere where Cl_2 , CF_4 , or the like is added to the argon atmosphere.

Next, the first and second oxide semiconductor films are etched using a second photomask, and then, a second conductive film is formed. The second conductive film can be formed by a sputtering method, for example. Moreover, the second conductive film is selectively etched using a third photomask, so that the electrodes **215**, **216**, and **217** are formed as illustrated in FIG. **17B**. Note that before the second conductive film is formed, reverse sputtering in which plasma is generated by introduction of an argon gas is preferably performed to remove dust attached to the surface of the gate insulating layer **212** and the etched oxide semiconductor layers.

Note that when the second conductive film is etched, the first and second oxide semiconductor layers are partly etched. Accordingly, as illustrated in FIG. **15B**, the oxide semiconductor layers **2131** and **2132** are formed over the gate insulating layer **212**, the oxide semiconductor layers **2141a** and **2141b** are formed over the oxide semiconductor layer **2131**, and the oxide semiconductor layers **2142a** and **2142b** are formed over the oxide semiconductor layer **2132**. By this etching, portions of the oxide semiconductor layers **2131** and **2132**, which overlap with the gate electrodes **2111** and **2112**, are made thinner.

Wet etching or dry etching is used as an etching method at this time. For example, when an aluminum film or an aluminum alloy film is used as the second conductive film, wet etching can be performed using a solution in which phosphoric acid, acetic acid, and nitric acid are mixed. In this etching step, the oxide semiconductor layers **2131** and **2132** are also partly etched. Further, since the oxide semiconductor layers **2141a**, **2141b**, **2142a**, and **2142b** and the electrodes **215** to **217** are etched at one time, the edges of the oxide semiconductor layers **2141a**, **2141b**, **2142a**, and **2142b** and the electrodes **215** to **217** are aligned, so that a smooth side surface is formed. Moreover, in the case of using wet etching, etching is isotropically performed, and the edges of the electrodes **215** to **217** are recessed with respect to the edge of a resist mask.

In addition, in the method for manufacturing the logic circuit in this embodiment, as an example, oxygen vacancy control processing is performed on an oxide semiconductor layer in a transistor functioning as an enhancement transistor (the oxide semiconductor layer **2132** in this embodiment). As illustrated in FIG. **18C**, the oxygen vacancy control processing is performed, so that an oxygen vacancy control region **250** with a low oxygen vacancy density is formed between the electrodes **216** and **217** over a surface of the oxide semiconductor layer **2132**, which is opposite to a surface in contact with the gate insulating layer **212**. In this embodiment, oxygen plasma treatment is performed as an example of the oxygen vacancy control processing. The processing condi-

tions are set as appropriate so that the threshold voltage of a transistor to be formed is positive.

Note that in FIG. 18C, the oxygen plasma treatment should be performed at least on the oxide semiconductor layer 2132 and not necessarily on the oxide semiconductor layer 2131. For example, when only the oxide semiconductor layer 2132 is to be subjected to the oxygen plasma treatment, the oxygen plasma treatment may be performed after a mask is formed over the oxide semiconductor layer 2131. Further, when the oxygen plasma treatment is performed on the oxide semiconductor layer 2131, the threshold voltage is shifted to a positive value; however, the threshold voltage is shifted due to the shift of the threshold voltage over time if a reduction prevention layer is not provided over the oxide semiconductor layer 2131. Thus, both a depletion transistor and an enhancement transistor can be manufactured. Moreover, when the oxygen plasma treatment is performed also on the oxide semiconductor layer 2131, an additional mask is not necessary, so that the process can be simplified.

Next, heat treatment is performed in the air or a nitrogen atmosphere. The heat treatment is preferably performed at 200° C. to 600° C., typically 300° C. to 500° C. With the heat treatment, atoms in the oxide semiconductor film are rearranged. Since distortion which prevents carrier transfer is eliminated by the heat treatment, the heat treatment (including light annealing) performed here is important. Note that there is no particular limitation on the timing when the heat treatment is performed as long as the heat treatment is performed after the oxide semiconductor film is formed, and the heat treatment can be performed any time after the semiconductor film is formed.

Then, as illustrated in FIG. 18D, the reduction prevention layer 218 is formed over a region between the electrodes 216 and 217, which includes the oxygen vacancy control region 250 in the oxide semiconductor layer (the oxide semiconductor layer 2132 in FIG. 18D) of the transistor which is to function as the enhancement transistor later. The reduction prevention layer 218 is formed only over the oxide semiconductor layer of the transistor functioning as the enhancement transistor, whereby a transistor including the semiconductor layer where the reduction prevention layer 218 is not provided serves as a depletion transistor; accordingly, transistors having different threshold voltages can be formed over one substrate. The reduction prevention layer 218 can be formed by a sputtering method, for example.

Note that the above-described order of steps is an example, and there is no particular limitation on the order of steps. For example, although one additional photomask needs to be used, etching may be performed in such a manner that the second conductive film is etched using one photomask and part of the oxide semiconductor layer and part of the oxide semiconductor film are etched using another photomask.

Alternatively, instead of performing the oxygen plasma treatment, the reduction prevention layer 218 may be formed by a sputtering method in FIG. 18D without the oxygen plasma treatment in FIG. 18C. This is because oxygen is used as a gas when the reduction prevention layer 218 is formed by a sputtering method, so that advantageous effect similar to those of the oxygen plasma treatment can be obtained.

By the above method, the logic circuit illustrated in FIGS. 9A and 9B can be formed. Moreover, by using the manufacturing method in this embodiment, a logic circuit using transistors which have different threshold voltages and are formed over one substrate can be formed.

Note that this embodiment can be implemented in combination with other embodiments as appropriate.

(Embodiment 6)

In this embodiment, a display device will be described as an example of a device to which the logic circuit shown in the above embodiments can be applied.

The logic circuits shown in the above embodiments can be applied to a variety of display devices such as a liquid crystal display device and an electroluminescent display device. A structure of a display device in this embodiment will be described with reference to FIG. 19. FIG. 19 is a block diagram illustrating a structure of the display device in this embodiment.

As illustrated in FIG. 19, the display device in this embodiment includes a pixel portion 701, a scan line driver circuit 702, and a signal line driver circuit 703.

The pixel portion 701 includes a plurality of pixels 704 and has a dot matrix structure. Specifically, the plurality of pixels 704 are arranged in the row and column directions. Each pixel 704 is electrically connected to the scan line driver circuit 702 through a scan line and electrically connected to the signal line driver circuit 703 through a signal line. Note that in FIG. 19, the scan line and the signal line are not illustrated for simplification.

The scan line driver circuit 702 is a circuit for selecting the pixel 704 to which a data signal is input, and outputs a selection signal to the pixel 704 through the scan line.

The signal line driver circuit 703 is a circuit for outputting data written to the pixel 704 as a signal, and outputs pixel data as a signal through the signal line to the pixel 704 selected by the scan line driver circuit 702.

The pixel 704 includes at least a display element and a switching element. A liquid crystal element or a light-emitting element such as an EL element can be applied to the display element, for example. A transistor can be applied to the switching element, for example.

Next, an example of structures of the scan line driver circuit 702 and the signal line driver circuit 703 will be described with reference to FIGS. 20A and 20B. FIGS. 20A and 20B are block diagrams each illustrating a structure of the driver circuit. FIG. 20A is a block diagram illustrating a structure of the scan line driver circuit. FIG. 20B is a block diagram illustrating a structure of the signal line driver circuit.

As illustrated in FIG. 20A, the scan line driver circuit 702 includes a shift register 900, a level shifter 901, and a buffer 902.

Signals such as a gate start pulse (GSP) and a gate clock signal (GCK) are input to the shift register 900, and selection signals are sequentially output from sequential logic circuits. Moreover, the shift register shown in Embodiment 2 can be applied to the shift register 900.

Further, as illustrated in FIG. 20B, the signal line driver circuit 703 includes a shift register 903, a first latch circuit 904, a second latch circuit 905, a level shifter 906, and a buffer 907.

A signal such as a start pulse (SSP) is input to the shift register 903, and selection signals are sequentially output from the sequential logic circuits.

A data signal is input to the first latch circuit 904. The first latch circuit can be constituted by one or more of the logic circuits shown in the above embodiments, for example.

The buffer 907 has a function of amplifying a signal and includes an operational amplifier or the like. The buffer 907 can be constituted by one or more of the logic circuits shown in the above embodiments, for example.

The second latch circuit 905 can hold a latch (LAT) signal temporally and outputs the held latch signals all at once to the pixel portion 701 in FIG. 19. This is referred to as line sequential driving. Therefore, in the case of using a pixel in which

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not line sequential driving but dot sequential driving is performed, the second latch circuit **905** is not necessary. The second latch circuit **905** can be constituted by one or more of the logic circuits shown in the above embodiments, for example.

Next, operation of the display device illustrated in FIG. **19** will be described.

First, a scan line is selected by the scan line driver circuit **702**. To the pixel **704** connected to the selected scan line, a data signal is output from the signal line driver circuit **703** through a signal line by a signal input from the scan line driver circuit **702**. Accordingly, data is written to the pixel **704**, and the pixel **704** enters into a display state. Scan lines are selected by the scan line driver circuit **702**, and data is written to all the pixels **704**. The above is the operation of the display device in this embodiment.

The circuits in the display device illustrated in FIG. **19** can all be provided over one substrate, or can be constituted by transistors of the same conductivity type. By providing the circuits over one substrate, the size of the display device can be reduced. By using transistors of the same conductivity type, the process can be simplified.

Note that this embodiment can be implemented in combination with other embodiments as appropriate. (Embodiment 7)

In this embodiment, a liquid crystal display device will be described as an example of the display device shown in Embodiment 6.

An example of a circuit configuration of a pixel in a display device in this embodiment will be described with reference to FIG. **21**. FIG. **21** is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a pixel in the display device in this embodiment.

As illustrated in FIG. **21**, the pixel includes a transistor **821**, a liquid crystal element **822**, and a storage capacitor **823**.

The transistor **821** functions as a selection switch. A gate of the transistor **821** is electrically connected to a scan line **804**, and one of a source and a drain thereof is electrically connected to a signal line **805**.

The liquid crystal element **822** has a first terminal and a second terminal. The first terminal is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **821**. A ground potential or a voltage with a given value is applied to the second terminal. The liquid crystal element **822** includes a first electrode which serves as part or all of the first terminal, a second electrode which serves as part or all of the second terminal, and a layer including liquid crystal molecules whose transmittance is changed by applying voltage between the first electrode and the second electrode (such a layer is referred to as a liquid crystal layer).

The storage capacitor **823** has a first terminal and a second terminal. The first terminal is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **821**. The ground potential or a voltage with a given value is applied to the second terminal. The storage capacitor **823** includes a first electrode which serves as part or all of the first terminal, a second electrode which serves as part or all of the second terminal, and a dielectric layer. Note that although the storage capacitor **823** is not necessarily provided, the provision of the storage capacitor **823** can reduce adverse effects due to leakage current of the transistor **821**.

Note that for the display device in this embodiment, a TN (twisted nematic) mode, an IPS (in-plane-switching) mode, an FFS (fringe field switching) mode, an MVA (multi-domain vertical alignment) mode, a PVA (patterned vertical alignment) mode, an ASM (axially symmetric aligned micro-cell) mode, an OCB (optical compensated birefringence) mode, an

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FLC (ferroelectric liquid crystal) mode, an AFLC (antiferroelectric liquid crystal) mode, or the like can be used.

Alternatively, blue-phase liquid crystal for which an alignment film is not necessary may be used. The blue phase is a kind of liquid crystal phase and appears just before phase transition from a cholesteric phase to an isotropic phase when temperature of cholesteric liquid crystal rises. Since the blue phase appears only in a narrow temperature range, a liquid crystal composition in which 5 wt. % or more of a chiral material is mixed is used for the liquid crystal layer in order to improve the temperature range. As for the liquid crystal composition which contains blue-phase liquid crystal and the chiral material, the response speed is as high as 10 μ s to 100 μ s, alignment treatment is not necessary due to optical isotropy, and viewing angle dependence is low.

Next, operation of the pixel illustrated in FIG. **21** will be described.

First, a pixel to which data is written is selected, and the transistor **821** in the selected pixel is turned on by a signal input from the scan line **804**.

At this time, a data signal from the signal line **805** is input through the transistor **821**, so that the first terminal of the liquid crystal element **822** has the same voltage as the data signal, and the transmittance of the liquid crystal element **822** is set depending on voltage applied between the first terminal and the second terminal. After data writing, the transistor **821** is turned off by a signal input from the scan line **804**, the transmittance of the liquid crystal element **822** is maintained during a display period, and the pixel enters into a display state. The above operation is sequentially performed per scan line **804**, and the above operation is performed in all the pixels. The above is the operation of the pixel.

In displaying moving images in a liquid crystal display device, there is a problem in that an afterimage or motion blur occurs because of slow response of liquid crystal molecules themselves. In order to improve moving image characteristics of the liquid crystal display device, there is a driving technique called black insertion, in which the entire screen is displayed as black every other frame.

Moreover, there is a driving technique called double-frame rate driving, in which a vertical period is 1.5 times or 2 times or more as long as a normal vertical period in order to increase the response speed, and gray level to be written is selected for a plurality of divided fields in each frame.

Further, in order to improve moving image characteristics of the liquid crystal display device, there is a driving technique in which a plurality of LED (light-emitting diode) light sources, a plurality of EL light sources, or the like are used as backlights to form an area light source, and the light sources forming the area light source are independently lit intermittently in one frame period. For the area light source, LEDs of three kinds or more or an LED which emits white light may be used. Since a plurality of LEDs can be independently controlled, the timing when the LED emits light can be synchronized with the timing when optical modulation of the liquid crystal layer is changed. Part of the LEDs can be turned off in this driving technique, so that power consumption can be reduced particularly in the case of displaying an image in which a black display region occupies a large area in one screen.

By combining these driving techniques, display characteristics such as moving image characteristics of the liquid crystal display device can be improved as compared to those of a conventional liquid crystal display device.

Next, a structure of a display device in this embodiment, which includes the above pixel, will be described with reference to FIGS. **22A** and **22B**. FIGS. **22A** and **22B** illustrate a

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structure of the pixel in the display device in this embodiment. FIG. 22A is a top view, and FIG. 22B is a cross-sectional view. Note that dotted lines A1-A2 and B1-B2 in FIG. 22A correspond to cross sections A1-A2 and B1-B2 in FIG. 22B, respectively.

As illustrated in FIGS. 22A and 22B, the display device in this embodiment includes, in the cross section A1-A2, a gate electrode **2001** over a substrate **2000**; a gate insulating layer **2002** provided over the gate electrode **2001**; an oxide semiconductor layer **2003** provided over the gate insulating layer **2002**; a pair of oxide semiconductor layers **2004a** and **2004b** provided over the oxide semiconductor layer **2003**; electrodes **2005a** and **2005b** provided so as to be in contact with the oxide semiconductor layers **2004a** and **2004b**; a protective insulating layer **2007** provided over the electrodes **2005a** and **2005b** through an opening portion provided in the protective insulating layer **2007**.

Moreover, the display device includes, in the cross section B1-B2, an electrode **2008** over the substrate **2000**; the gate insulating layer **2002** over the electrode **2008**; the protective insulating layer **2007** provided over the gate insulating layer **2002**; and the electrode **2020** provided over the protective insulating layer **2007**.

Electrodes **2022** and **2029** and electrodes **2023**, **2024**, and **2028** serve as a wiring or an electrode for connection with an FPC.

As the substrate **2000**, a substrate which can be applied to the substrate **210** in Embodiment 1 can be used.

The gate electrode **2001** and the electrodes **2008**, **2022**, and **2023** can be formed using a material and a method which can be applied to those of the gate electrodes **2111** and **2112** in Embodiment 1.

The gate insulating layer **2002** can be formed using a material and a method which can be applied to those of the gate insulating layer **212** in Embodiment 1. In this embodiment, a 50-nm-thick silicon oxide film is formed as the gate insulating layer **2002**.

The oxide semiconductor layer **2003** can be formed using a material and a method which can be applied to those of the oxide semiconductor layers **2131** and **2132** in the above embodiments, for example. Here, the oxide semiconductor layer **2003** is formed by depositing an In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film using an 8-inch diameter oxide semiconductor target containing In, Ga, and Zn ($\text{In}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3:\text{ZnO}=1:1:1$) in an argon atmosphere or an oxygen atmosphere under the following conditions: the distance between the substrate and the target is 170 mm, the pressure is 0.4 Pa, and the direct-current (DC) power supply is 0.5 kW. Note that it is preferable to use a pulsed direct-current (DC) power supply because dust can be reduced and film thickness distribution is uniform. The In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film preferably has a thickness of 5 nm to 200 nm. In this embodiment, the thickness of the In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film is 100 nm. Moreover, reverse sputtering can be performed before the oxide semiconductor film is formed.

The oxide semiconductor layers **2004a** and **2004b** can be formed using a material and a method which can be applied to those of the oxide semiconductor layers **2141a**, **2141b**, **2142a**, and **2142b** in the above embodiments, for example. Here, the oxide semiconductor layers **2004a** and **2004b** are formed by depositing an In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film using a target in which the composition ratio is $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3:\text{ZnO}=1:1:1$ by sputtering under the following deposition conditions: the pressure is 0.4 Pa, the power is 500

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W, the deposition temperature is room temperature, and the flow rate of an argon gas is 40 sccm. Note that an In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film having a crystal grain of 1 nm to 10 nm just after deposition is sometimes formed in spite of intentionally using a target in which the composition ratio is $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3:\text{ZnO}=1:1:1$. Further, by adjusting the ratio of components of the target, the pressure for deposition (0.1 Pa to 2.0 Pa), the power (250 W to 3000 W; 8 inches in diameter), the temperature (room temperature to 100° C.), a deposition condition for reactive sputtering, and the like as appropriate, the presence or existence of crystal grains and the density of crystal grains can be adjusted and the diameter of crystal grains can be adjusted in the range of 1 nm to 10 nm. The thickness of the In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film is preferably 5 nm to 20 nm. It is needless to say that when crystal grains are included in the film, the size of the crystal grains is not greater than the thickness of the film. In this embodiment, the thickness of the oxide semiconductor layers **2004a** and **2004b** is 5 nm.

Note that the deposition conditions of the In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film serving as the oxide semiconductor layer **2003** are made different from those of the In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film serving as the oxide semiconductor layers **2004a** and **2004b**. For example, the ratio of the flow rate of an oxygen gas to the flow rate of an argon gas in the deposition conditions of the In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film serving as the oxide semiconductor layer **2003** is higher than that in the deposition conditions of the In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film serving as the oxide semiconductor layers **2004a** and **2004b**. Specifically, the In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film serving as the oxide semiconductor layers **2004a** and **2004b** is deposited in a rare gas (e.g., argon or helium) atmosphere (or an atmosphere with oxygen gas of 10% or less and argon gas of 90% or more), and the In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film serving as the oxide semiconductor layer **2003** is deposited in an oxygen atmosphere (or an atmosphere in which the flow rate of an oxygen gas is equal to or more than that of an argon gas).

The In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film serving as the oxide semiconductor layers **2004a** and **2004b** may be deposited in a chamber which is the same as or different from that in which reverse sputtering has been performed.

Among sputtering methods, there are an RF sputtering method using a high-frequency power supply as a sputtering power supply, a DC sputtering method, and also a pulsed DC sputtering method in which pulsed bias is applied. The RF sputtering method is mainly used for depositing an insulating film, and the DC sputtering method is mainly used for depositing a metal film.

Moreover, there is a multi-source sputtering apparatus in which a plurality of targets of different materials can be arranged. With the multi-source sputtering apparatus, films of different materials can be stacked in one chamber, or plural kinds of materials can be deposited by electric discharge at a time in one chamber.

Further, there are a sputtering apparatus which includes a magnetic mechanism inside a chamber and employs a magnetron sputtering method; and a sputtering apparatus which employs an ECR sputtering method using plasma generated by using a microwave without glow discharge.

Furthermore, as a deposition method using a sputtering method, there are a reactive sputtering method in which a target substance and a sputtering gas component chemically react with each other during deposition to form a thin film of

a compound of these materials; and a bias sputtering method in which voltage is also applied to a substrate during deposition.

The electrodes **2005a**, **2005b**, and **2024** can be formed using a material and a method which can be applied to those of the electrodes **215**, **216**, and **217** in the above embodiments, for example. Here, the electrodes **2005a**, **2005b**, and **2024** have a single-layer structure of a titanium film.

In addition, oxygen plasma treatment may be performed on a channel region of the oxide semiconductor layer **2003**. By performing the oxygen plasma treatment, a TFT can be normally off. Moreover, by performing the plasma treatment, damage to the oxide semiconductor layer **2003** by etching can be repaired. The oxygen plasma treatment is preferably performed in an atmosphere of O_2 or N_2O , preferably an atmosphere of N_2 , He, or Ar which contains oxygen. Alternatively, the oxygen plasma treatment may be performed in an atmosphere where Cl_2 or CF_4 is added to the above atmosphere.

As the protective insulating layer **2007**, a silicon nitride film, a silicon oxide film, a silicon oxynitride film, an aluminum oxide film, a tantalum oxide film, or the like which is obtained by a sputtering method or the like can be used. Note that when a non-reducible film (such as a silicon oxide film) is used as the protective insulating layer **2007**, a channel region of a TFT subjected to the above oxygen plasma treatment is protected, and shift of the threshold voltage over time can be suppressed.

The electrodes **2020**, **2029**, and **2028** are formed using indium oxide (In_2O_3), an alloy of indium oxide and tin oxide ($In_2O_3-SnO_2$, referred to as ITO), or the like by a sputtering method, a vacuum evaporation method, or the like. Such a material is etched with a hydrochloric acid-based solution. Note that since etching of ITO particularly tends to leave residue, an alloy of indium oxide and zinc oxide (In_2O_3-ZnO) may be used in order to improve the etching processability.

FIGS. **23A** and **23B** are a cross-sectional view and a top view of a gate wiring terminal portion at this stage, respectively. FIG. **23A** is a cross-sectional view along C1-C2 in FIG. **23B**. In FIG. **23A**, a transparent conductive film **2055** formed over a protective insulating film **2054** is a terminal electrode for connection, which functions as an input terminal. Further, in FIG. **23A**, in the terminal portion, a first terminal **2051** which is formed of the same material as a gate wiring and a connection electrode **2053** which is formed of the same material as a source wiring overlap with each other with a gate insulating layer **2052** therebetween and are in direct contact with each other to allow electrical continuity. Moreover, the connection electrode **2053** and the transparent conductive film **2055** are in direct contact with each other through a contact hole provided in the protective insulating film **2054** to allow electrical continuity.

FIGS. **23C** and **23D** are a cross-sectional view and a top view of a source wiring terminal portion, respectively. FIG. **23C** is a cross-sectional view along D1-D2 in FIG. **23D**. In FIG. **23C**, the transparent conductive film **2055** formed over the protective insulating film **2054** is a terminal electrode for connection, which functions as an input terminal. Moreover, in FIG. **23C**, in the terminal portion, an electrode **2056** which is formed of the same material as the gate wiring is placed below a second terminal **2050** which is electrically connected to the source wiring, so as to overlap with the second terminal **2050** with the gate insulating layer **2052** therebetween. The electrode **2056** is not electrically connected to the second terminal **2050**. When the electrode **2056** is set to have a potential different from that of the second terminal **2050**, for example, a floating potential, GND, or 0 V, capacitance for

preventing noise or static electricity can be formed. Further, the second terminal **2050** is electrically connected to the transparent conductive film **2055** through the protective insulating film **2054**.

A plurality of gate wirings, source wirings, and capacitor wirings are provided based on the pixel density. Moreover, a plurality of first terminals at the same potential as the gate wiring, second terminals at the same potential as the source wiring, third terminals at the same potential as the capacitor wiring, and the like are arranged in the terminal portion. The number of each of the terminals can be a given number and is determined as appropriate.

Accordingly, a pixel TFT portion including the TFT, which is a bottom-gate n-channel TFT, and a storage capacitor can be completed. Then, they are arranged in matrix corresponding to pixels so that a pixel portion is formed; thus, a substrate for manufacturing an active matrix display device can be formed. In this specification, such a substrate is referred to as an active matrix substrate for convenience.

When an active matrix liquid crystal display device is formed, a liquid crystal layer is provided between an active matrix substrate and a counter substrate provided with a counter electrode, and the active matrix substrate and the counter substrate are fixed. A common electrode which is electrically connected to the counter electrode provided on the counter substrate is provided over the active matrix substrate, and a fourth electrode which is electrically connected to the common electrode is provided in a terminal portion. The fourth terminal is a terminal for making the common electrode have a fixed potential, for example, GND or 0 V.

The n-channel transistor obtained in this embodiment uses the In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film for a channel formation region and thus has favorable dynamic characteristics, whereby the above driving techniques can be used in combination.

Further, when a light-emitting display device is formed, in order to set one electrode (also referred to as a cathode) of an organic light-emitting element to have a low power supply voltage, for example, GND or 0 V, a fourth terminal for making the cathode have the low power supply voltage such as GND or 0 V is provided in a terminal portion. Moreover, when the light-emitting display device is formed, a power supply line is provided in addition to a source wiring and a gate wiring. Accordingly, a fifth terminal electrically connected to the power supply line is provided in the terminal portion.

A gate line driver circuit or a source line driver circuit is constituted by TFTs using an oxide semiconductor, whereby manufacturing costs are reduced. Moreover, a gate electrode of the TFT included in the driver circuit is directly connected to a source wiring or a drain wiring so that the number of contact holes is reduced, whereby a display device can be provided in which the area occupied by the driver circuit is reduced.

Therefore, according to this embodiment, a highly reliable display device with high electric characteristics can be provided at low cost.

Note that this embodiment can be implemented in combination with other embodiments as appropriate.

(Embodiment 8)

In this embodiment, a light-emitting display device will be described as an example of the display device shown in Embodiment 6. As an example, a light-emitting display device in which electroluminescence is used for a light-emitting element will be described in this embodiment.

Light-emitting elements utilizing electroluminescence are classified according to whether a light-emitting material is an

organic compound or an inorganic compound. In general, the former is referred to as an organic EL element, and the latter as an inorganic EL element.

In an organic EL element, by application of voltage to the light-emitting element, electrons and holes are separately injected from a pair of electrodes into a layer containing a light-emitting organic compound, and there flows a current. Then, these carriers (the electrons and the holes) are recombined, so that the light-emitting organic compound is set in an excited state. The light-emitting element emits light when it returns from the excited state to a ground state. Based on such a mechanism, such a light-emitting element is referred to as a current-excitation light-emitting element.

Inorganic EL elements are classified according to the element structures into a dispersion inorganic EL elements and thin-film inorganic EL elements. A dispersion inorganic EL element includes a light-emitting layer where particles of a light-emitting material are dispersed in a binder, and its light emission mechanism is donor-acceptor recombination light emission utilizing a donor level and an acceptor level. A thin-film inorganic EL element has a structure in which a light-emitting layer is sandwiched between dielectric layers, which are further sandwiched between electrodes, and its light emission mechanism is localized light emission utilizing inner-shell electron transition of metal ions. Note that here, an organic EL element is described as a light-emitting element.

A circuit configuration of a pixel in a display device in this embodiment will be described with reference to FIG. 24. FIG. 24 is a circuit diagram illustrating a circuit configuration of a pixel of the display device in this embodiment.

As illustrated in FIG. 24, the pixel of the display device in this embodiment includes a transistor **851**, a storage capacitor **852**, a transistor **853**, and a light-emitting element **854**.

A gate of the transistor **851** is electrically connected to a scan line **855**, and one of a source and a drain thereof is electrically connected to a signal line **856**. A high power supply voltage is applied to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **851** through the storage capacitor **852**.

A gate of the transistor **853** is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **851**. The high power supply voltage is applied to one of a source and a drain of the transistor **853**.

The light-emitting element **854** has a first terminal and a second terminal. The first terminal is electrically connected to the other of the source and the drain of the transistor **853**. A low power supply voltage is applied to the second terminal.

Next, operation of the pixel illustrated in FIG. 24 will be described.

An example of display operation of the pixel in the display device in this embodiment is described.

First, a pixel to which data is written is selected. In the selected pixel, the transistor **851** is turned on by a scan signal input from the scan line **855**, and a video signal (also referred to as a data signal), which is a fixed voltage, is input from the signal line **856** to the gate of the transistor **853**.

The transistor **853** is turned on or off by a voltage in response to the data signal input to the gate. When the transistor **853** is on, a voltage applied between the first terminal and the second terminal of the light-emitting element **854** depends on a gate voltage of the transistor **853** and the high power supply voltage. At this time, current flows through the light-emitting element **854** depending on the voltage applied between the first terminal and the second terminal, and the light-emitting element **854** emits light with illuminance in response to the amount of current flowing therethrough. Further, since the gate voltage of the transistor **853** is held for a

certain period by the storage capacitor **852**, the light-emitting element **854** maintains a light-emitting state for a certain period.

When the data signal input from the signal line **856** to the pixel is digital, the pixel enters into a light-emitting state or a non-light-emitting state by switching on and off of the transistor **851**. Accordingly, gradation can be expressed by an area ratio grayscale method or a time ratio grayscale method. An area ratio grayscale method refers to a driving method by which one pixel is divided into a plurality of subpixels and each of the subpixels with the structure illustrated in FIG. 24 is independently driven based on a data signal so that gradation is expressed. Further, a time ratio grayscale method refers to a driving method by which a period during which a pixel is in a light-emitting state is controlled so that gradation is expressed.

Since the response speed of light-emitting elements is higher than that of liquid crystal elements or the like, the light-emitting elements are suitable for a time ratio grayscale method as compared to the liquid crystal elements. Specifically, when display is performed by a time gray scale method, one frame period is divided into a plurality of subframe periods. Then, in accordance with video signals, the light-emitting element in the pixel is set in a light-emitting state or a non-light-emitting state in each subframe period. By dividing one frame period into a plurality of subframe periods, the total length of a period in which pixels actually emit light in one frame period can be controlled with video signals, and gradation can be expressed.

Among driver circuits in the light-emitting display device, part of a driver circuit which can be constituted by n-channel TFTs can be formed over a substrate where TFTs in a pixel portion are formed. Moreover, a signal line driver circuit and a scan line driver circuit can be constituted only by n-channel TFTs.

Next, a structure of a light-emitting element will be described with reference to FIGS. 25A to 25C. Here, a cross-sectional structure of a pixel in the case of an n-channel driving TFT is described as an example. TFTs **7001**, **7011**, and **7021**, which are driving TFTs used in a display device in FIGS. 25A, 25B, and 25C respectively, can be formed in a similar manner to the TFTs shown in the above embodiments, include an oxide semiconductor layer as a semiconductor layer, and have high reliability.

In order to extract light emitted from a light-emitting element, at least one of an anode and a cathode needs to be transparent. A TFT and a light-emitting element are formed over a substrate. There are light-emitting elements having a top emission structure in which light is extracted through the surface opposite to the substrate, having a bottom emission structure in which light is extracted through the surface on the substrate side, and having a dual emission structure in which light is extracted through the surface on the substrate side and the surface opposite to the substrate. The pixel structure of the present invention can be applied to a light-emitting element having any of these emission structures.

A light-emitting element having a top emission structure will be described with reference to FIG. 25A.

FIG. 25A is a cross-sectional view of a pixel in the case where the TFT **7001**, which is the driving TFT, is an n-channel TFT and light emitted from a light-emitting element **7002** passes through an anode **7005**. In FIG. 25A, a cathode **7003** of the light-emitting element **7002** and the TFT **7001**, which is the driving TFT, are electrically connected to each other, and a light-emitting layer **7004** and the anode **7005** are sequentially stacked over the cathode **7003**. As the cathode **7003**, any conductive film can be used as long as it has a low work

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function and reflects light. For example, Ca, Al, CaF, MgAg, AlLi, or the like is preferably used. The light-emitting layer **7004** may be formed using a single layer or by stacking a plurality of layers. When the light-emitting layer **7004** is formed using a plurality of layers, the light-emitting layer **7004** is formed by stacking an electron-injecting layer, an electron-transporting layer, a light-emitting layer, a hole-transporting layer, and a hole-injecting layer in order over the cathode **7003**. Note that it is not necessary to form all of these layers. The anode **7005** is formed using a light-transmitting conductive film such as a film of indium oxide containing tungsten oxide, indium zinc oxide containing tungsten oxide, indium oxide containing titanium oxide, indium tin oxide containing titanium oxide, indium tin oxide (hereinafter referred to as ITO), indium zinc oxide, or indium tin oxide to which silicon oxide is added.

The light-emitting element **7002** corresponds to a region where the cathode **7003** and the anode **7005** sandwich the light-emitting layer **7004**. In the pixel illustrated in FIG. **25A**, light is emitted from the light-emitting element **7002** to the anode **7005** side as shown by an arrow.

Next, a light-emitting element having a bottom emission structure will be described with reference to FIG. **25B**. FIG. **25B** is a cross-sectional view of a pixel in the case where the driving TFT **7011** is an n-channel TFT and light emitted from a light-emitting element **7012** passes through a cathode **7017**. In FIG. **25B**, the cathode **7017** of the light-emitting element **7012** is formed over a light-transmitting conductive film **7013** which is electrically connected to the driving TFT **7011**, and a light-emitting layer **7014** and an anode **7015** are sequentially stacked over the cathode **7017**. Note that when the anode **7015** has a light-transmitting property, a light-blocking film **7016** for reflecting or blocking light may be formed so as to cover the anode **7015**. As in the case of FIG. **25A**, a variety of materials can be used for the cathode **7017** as long as a material is a conductive material having a low work function. Note that the cathode **7017** has a thickness that can transmit light (preferably has approximately 5 nm to 30 nm). For example, a 20-nm-thick aluminum film can be used as the cathode **7017**. The light-emitting layer **7014** may be formed of a single layer or by stacking a plurality of layers as in FIG. **25A**. The anode **7015** is not necessary to transmit light, but can be formed using a light-transmitting conductive film as in FIG. **25A**. The light-blocking film **7016** can be formed using, for example, a metal which reflects light; however, one embodiment of the invention is not limited to a metal film. For example, a resin to which a black pigment is added can be used.

The light-emitting element **7012** corresponds to a region where the cathode **7017** and the anode **7015** sandwich the light-emitting layer **7014**. In the pixel illustrated in FIG. **25B**, light is emitted from the light-emitting element **7012** to the cathode **7017** side as shown by an arrow.

Next, a light-emitting element having a dual emission structure will be described with reference to FIG. **25C**. In FIG. **25C**, a cathode **7027** of a light-emitting element **7022** is formed over a light-transmitting conductive film **7023** which is electrically connected to the driving TFT **7021**, and a light-emitting layer **7024** and an anode **7025** are sequentially stacked over the cathode **7027**. As in the case of FIG. **25A**, a variety of materials can be used for the cathode **7027** as long as a material is a conductive material with a low work function. Note that the cathode **7027** has a thickness that can transmit light. For example, Al having a thickness of 20 nm can be used as the cathode **7027**. As in FIG. **25A**, the light-emitting layer **7024** may be formed using a single layer or a

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stack of a plurality of layers. The anode **7025** can be formed using a light-transmitting conductive film as in FIG. **25A**.

The light-emitting element **7022** corresponds to a region where the cathode **7027**, the light-emitting layer **7024**, and the anode **7025** overlap with each other. In the pixel illustrated in FIG. **25C**, light is emitted from the light-emitting element **7022** to both the anode **7025** side and the cathode **7027** side as shown by arrows.

Note that although an organic EL element is described here as a light-emitting element, an inorganic EL element can also be provided as a light-emitting element.

Note that in this embodiment, the example is described in which a TFT (also referred to as a driving TFT) which controls driving of a light-emitting element is electrically connected to the light-emitting element; alternatively, a structure may be employed in which a TFT for current control is connected between the driving TFT and the light-emitting element.

Next, the appearance and cross section of the display device (also referred to as a light-emitting panel) in this embodiment will be described with reference to FIGS. **26A** and **26B**. FIG. **26A** is a top view of the display device in this embodiment, in which a TFT and a light-emitting element formed over a first substrate are sealed between the first substrate and a second substrate by a sealing material. FIG. **26B** is a cross-sectional view along H-I in FIG. **26A**.

A sealing material **4505** is provided so as to surround a pixel portion **4502**, a signal line driver circuits **4503a** and **4503b**, and scan line driver circuits **4504a** and **4504b** which are provided over a first substrate **4501**. Moreover, a second substrate **4506** is provided over the pixel portion **4502**, the signal line driver circuits **4503a** and **4503b**, and the scan line driver circuits **4504a** and **4504b**. Accordingly, the pixel portion **4502**, the signal line driver circuits **4503a** and **4503b**, and the scan line driver circuits **4504a** and **4504b** are sealed, together with a filler **4507**, with the first substrate **4501**, the sealing material **4505**, and the second substrate **4506**. In such a manner, it is preferable to pack (seal) the pixel portion **4502**, the signal line driver circuits **4503a** and **4503b**, and the scan line driver circuits **4504a** and **4504b** with a protective film (such as an attachment film or an ultraviolet curable resin film) or a cover material with high air-tightness and little degasification so that the pixel portion **4502**, the signal line driver circuits **4503a** and **4503b**, and the scan line driver circuits **4504a** and **4504b** are not exposed to the air.

The pixel portion **4502**, the signal line driver circuits **4503a** and **4503b**, and the scan line driver circuits **4504a** and **4504b**, which are formed over the first substrate **4501**, each include a plurality of TFTs. In FIG. **26B**, a TFT **4510** included in the pixel portion **4502** and a TFT **4509** included in the signal line driver circuit **4503a** are illustrated as an example.

As the TFTs **4509** and **4510**, the highly reliable TFT shown in Embodiment 4, which includes the oxide semiconductor layer as a semiconductor layer, can be used. Alternatively, the TFT shown in Embodiment 5 may be used. In this embodiment, the TFTs **4509** and **4510** are n-channel TFTs.

Moreover, reference numeral **4511** denotes a light-emitting element. A first electrode **4517** which is a pixel electrode included in the light-emitting element **4511** is electrically connected to a source electrode or a drain electrode of the TFT **4510**. Note that the light-emitting element **4511** has a layered structure of the first electrode **4517**, an electroluminescent layer **4512**, and a second electrode **4513**; however, the structure of the light-emitting element is not limited to that shown in this embodiment. The structure of the light-emitting

element **4511** can be changed as appropriate depending on the direction in which light is extracted from the light-emitting element **4511**, or the like.

A bank **4520** is formed using an organic resin film, an inorganic insulating film, or organic polysiloxane. In particular, it is preferable that the bank **4520** be formed using a photosensitive material to have an opening portion over the first electrode **4517**, and a sidewall of the opening portion be formed as an inclined surface with a continuous curvature.

The electroluminescent layer **4512** may be formed using a single layer or a stack of a plurality of layers.

In order to prevent oxygen, hydrogen, moisture, carbon dioxide, or the like from entering the light-emitting element **4511**, a protective layer may be formed over the second electrode **4513** and the bank **4520**. As the protective layer, a silicon nitride film, a silicon nitride oxide film, a DLC (diamond like carbon) film, or the like can be formed.

Further, a variety of signals and potentials are supplied to the signal line driver circuits **4503a** and **4503b**, the scan line driver circuits **4504a** and **4504b**, or the pixel portion **4502** from FPCs **4518a** and **4518b**.

In this embodiment, a connection terminal electrode **4515** is formed using the same conductive film as the first electrode **4517** included in the light-emitting element **4511**. A terminal electrode **4516** is formed using the same conductive film as the source electrodes and the drain electrodes of the TFTs **4509** and **4510**.

The connection terminal electrode **4515** is electrically connected to a terminal of the FPC **4518a** through an anisotropic conductive film **4519**.

The second substrate located in the direction in which light is extracted from the light-emitting element **4511** needs to have a light-transmitting property. In that case, a light-transmitting material such as a glass plate, a plastic plate, a polyester film, or an acrylic film is used.

As the filler **4507**, an ultraviolet curable resin or a thermosetting resin can be used other than an inert gas such as nitrogen or argon. For example, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), acrylic, polyimide, an epoxy resin, a silicone resin, polyvinyl butyral (PVB), or ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) can be used. In this embodiment, nitrogen is used for the filler **4507**.

If necessary, an optical film such as a polarizing plate, a circularly polarizing plate (including an elliptically polarizing plate), a retardation plate (a quarter-wave plate or a half-wave plate), or a color filter may be provided as appropriate on a light-emitting surface of the light-emitting element. Further, a polarizing plate or a circularly polarizing plate may be provided with an anti-reflection film. For example, anti-glare treatment by which reflected light can be dispersed on an uneven surface to reduce glare can be performed.

As the signal line driver circuits **4503a** and **4503b** and the scan line driver circuits **4504a** and **4504b**, a driver circuit formed using a single crystal semiconductor film or a polycrystalline semiconductor film may be mounted on a substrate separately prepared. Alternatively, only the signal line driver circuit or part thereof, or the scan line driver circuit or part thereof may be separately formed to be mounted. This embodiment is not limited to the structure in FIGS. **26A** and **26B**.

Through the above steps, a highly reliable light-emitting display device (display panel) can be manufactured.

Note that this embodiment can be combined with the structures disclosed in other embodiments as appropriate. (Embodiment 9)

In this embodiment, electronic paper will be described as an example of the display device shown in Embodiment 6.

The logic circuit shown in the above embodiments can be used in electronic paper. Electronic paper is also referred to as an electrophoretic display device (an electrophoretic display) and has advantages of having high readability which is equivalent to normal paper and lower power consumption than other display devices, and being thin and lightweight.

A variety of modes of electrophoretic displays can be considered. An electrophoresis display includes a plurality of microcapsules which include first particles having a positive charge and second particles having a negative charge, and are dispersed in a solvent or a solute. By applying an electrical field to the microcapsules, the particles in the microcapsules move in opposite directions to each other, and only a color of the particles gathered on one side is displayed. Note that the first particles or the second particles contain a dye and do not move when there is no electric field. Moreover, colors (including colorless) of the first particles and the second particles are different from each other.

Accordingly, the electrophoretic display utilizes a so-called dielectrophoretic effect, in which a substance with a high dielectric constant moves to a region with high electric fields. The electrophoretic display does not require a polarizing plate and a counter substrate, which are necessary for a liquid crystal display device, so that the thickness and weight of the electrophoretic display are reduced by half.

A substance in which the microcapsules are dispersed in a solvent is called electronic ink, and the electronic ink can be printed on a surface of glass, plastic, fabric, paper, or the like. Moreover, color display is possible with the use of a color filter or particles including a coloring matter.

Further, when a plurality of the above microcapsules are arranged over an active matrix substrate so as to be placed between two electrodes, an active matrix display device can be completed, and display can be performed by application of electric fields to the microcapsules. For example, the active matrix substrate obtained with the TFT in Embodiment 4 or Embodiment 5 can be used.

Note that for the first particles and the second particles in the microcapsule, one or a composite material of a conductive material, an insulating material, a semiconductor material, a magnetic material, a liquid crystal material, a ferroelectric material, an electroluminescent material, an electrochromic material, or a magnetophoretic material may be used.

Next, an example of a structure of electronic paper in this embodiment will be described with reference to FIG. **27**. FIG. **27** is a cross-sectional view illustrating a structure of the electronic paper in this embodiment.

The electronic paper illustrated in FIG. **27** includes a TFT **581** over a substrate **580**; insulating layers **583**, **584**, and **585** which are stacked over the TFT **581**; an electrode **587** which is in contact with a source electrode or a drain electrode of the TFT **581** through an opening portion provided in the insulating layers **583** to **585**; and includes between the electrode **587** and an electrode **588** provided on a substrate **596**, spherical particles **589**, each of which includes a black region **590a**, a white region **590b**, and a cavity **594** which surrounds the black region **590a** and the white region **590b** and is filled with a liquid; and a filler **595** provided around the spherical particles **589**.

The TFT **581** can be formed in a similar manner to the TFT shown in Embodiment 4 and is a highly reliable TFT including an oxide semiconductor layer as a semiconductor layer. Alternatively, the TFT shown in Embodiment 5 can be applied to the TFT **581** in this embodiment.

A method of using the spherical particles **589** is called a twisting ball display method. In the twisting ball display system, spherical particles each colored in black and white

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are arranged between a first electrode and a second electrode, which are electrodes used for a display element, and potential difference is generated between the first electrode and the second electrode to control orientation of the spherical particles; accordingly, display is performed.

Further, instead of the spherical element, an electrophoretic element can also be used. A microcapsule having a diameter of approximately 10 μm to 200 μm , in which a transparent liquid, positively charged white microparticles, and negatively charged black microparticles are encapsulated, is used. In the microcapsule provided between the first electrode and the second electrode, when an electric field is applied by the first electrode and the second electrode, the white microparticles and the black microparticles move to opposite directions to each other, so that white or black can be displayed. An electrophoretic display element is a display element to which this principle is applied. The electrophoretic display element has higher reflectivity than a liquid crystal display element, and thus, an assistant light is unnecessary. Moreover, power consumption is low, and a display portion can be recognized in a dusky place. Further, even when power is not supplied to the display portion, an image which has been displayed once can be maintained. Accordingly, a displayed image can be stored even if a semiconductor device having a display function (which may simply be referred to as a display device or a semiconductor device provided with a display device) is distanced from an electric wave source.

The logic circuit which is one embodiment of the invention disclosed in the specification can be used, for example, as a driver circuit for the electronic paper in this embodiment. Further, since a thin film transistor using an oxide semiconductor layer can be applied to a transistor in the display portion, the driver circuit and the display portion can be provided over one substrate, for example.

The electronic paper can be used in electronic devices of various fields, which display information. For example, the electronic paper can be applied to e-book readers (electronic books), posters, advertisements on vehicles such as trains, or displays on a variety of cards such as credit cards. An example of such an electronic device will be illustrated in FIG. 28. FIG. 28 illustrates an example of an e-book reader 2700.

As illustrated in FIG. 28, the e-book reader 2700 has two housings 2701 and 2703. The housings 2701 and 2703 are united with an axis portion 2711, and the e-book reader 2700 can be opened and closed with the axis portion 2711 as an axis. With such a structure, the e-book reader 2700 can be operated like a paper book.

A display portion 2705 is incorporated into the housing 2701. A display portion 2707 is incorporated into the housing 2703. The display portions 2705 and 2707 may display one image or different images. When the display portions display different images, text can be displayed on the right display portion (the display portion 2705 in FIG. 28) and an image can be displayed on the left display portion (the display portion 2707 in FIG. 28), for example.

Further, FIG. 28 illustrates an example where the housing 2701 is provided with an operation portion and the like. For example, the housing 2701 is provided with a power supply switch 2721, operation keys 2723, a speaker 2725, and the like. Pages can be turned by the operation key 2723. Note that a keyboard, a pointing device, or the like may be provided on the same side as the display portion in the housing. Moreover, a terminal for external connection (e.g., an earphone terminal, a USB terminal, and a terminal capable of connecting a variety of cables such as an AC adapter and a USB cable), a portion for inserting recording media, or the like may be

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provided on a rear surface or a side surface of the housing. Furthermore, the e-book reader 2700 may function as an electronic dictionary.

In addition, the e-book reader 2700 may wirelessly transmit and receive information. The e-book reader 2700 can have a structure where desired book data or the like is wirelessly purchased and downloaded from an e-book server.

(Embodiment 10)

In this embodiment, a system-on-panel display device will be described as one embodiment of the display device in Embodiment 6.

The logic circuit which is one embodiment of the invention disclosed in this specification can be applied to a system-on-panel display device in which a display portion and a driver circuit are provided over one substrate. A specific structure of the display device will be described below.

The display device in this embodiment includes a display element. As the display element, a liquid crystal element (also referred to as a liquid crystal display element) or a light-emitting element (also referred to as a light-emitting display element) can be used. A light-emitting element includes, in its category, an element whose luminance is controlled by current or voltage, and specifically an inorganic electroluminescent (EL) element, an organic EL element, and the like. Further, a display medium whose contrast is changed by an electric effect, such as electronic ink, can be used.

In addition, the display device in this embodiment includes, in its category, a panel in which a display element is sealed, and a module in which an IC and the like including a controller are mounted on the panel. Moreover, this embodiment relates to an element substrate before a display element is completed in a process of manufacturing the display device. The element substrate is provided with a means for supplying current to the display element in each of a plurality of pixels. Specifically, the element substrate may be in a state where only a pixel electrode of the display element is provided, a state after a conductive film to serve as a pixel electrode is formed and before the conductive film is etched to form the pixel electrode, or other states.

Note that a display device in this specification refers to an image display device, a display device, or a light source (including a lighting device). Further, the display device includes any of the following modules in its category: a module including a connector such as a flexible printed circuit (FPC), tape automated bonding (TAB) tape, or tape carrier package (TCP); a module including TAB tape or TCP which is provided with a printed wiring board at the end thereof; and a module including an integrated circuit (IC) which is directly mounted on a display element by a chip on glass (COG) method.

Next, the appearance and cross section of a liquid crystal display panel which is one embodiment of the display device in this embodiment will be described with reference to FIGS. 29A to 29C.

Each of FIGS. 29A and 29B is a top view of the display device in this embodiment, in which a liquid crystal element 4013 and TFTs 4010 and 4011 including the In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film shown in Embodiment 4, which is formed over a first substrate 4001, as a semiconductor layer are sealed between the first substrate 4001 and a second substrate 4006 with a sealing material 4005. FIG. 29C is a cross-sectional view along M-N in FIGS. 29A and 29B.

In the display panel in this embodiment, the sealing material 4005 is provided so as to surround a pixel portion 4002 and a scan line driver circuit 4004 which are provided over the first substrate 4001. The second substrate 4006 is provided over the pixel portion 4002 and the scan line driver circuit

4004. Accordingly, the pixel portion 4002 and the scan line driver circuit 4004 as well as a liquid crystal layer 4008 are sealed with the first substrate 4001, the sealing material 4005, and the second substrate 4006. Moreover, a signal line driver circuit 4003, which is formed using a single crystal semiconductor film or a polycrystalline semiconductor film over a substrate prepared separately, is provided in a region different from the region surrounded by the sealing material 4005 over the first substrate 4001.

Note that there is no particular limitation on a connection method of the driver circuit which is separately formed, and a COG method, a wire bonding method, a TAB method, or the like can be used. FIG. 29A illustrates an example where the signal line driver circuit 4003 is mounted by a COG method. FIG. 29B illustrates an example where the signal line driver circuit 4003 is mounted by a TAB method.

The pixel portion 4002 and the scan line driver circuit 4004, which are provided over the first substrate 4001, each include a plurality of TFTs. FIG. 29C illustrates the TFT 4010 included in the pixel portion 4002 and the TFT 4011 included in the scan line driver circuit 4004. Insulating layers 4020 and 4021 are provided over the TFTs 4010 and 4011.

As the TFTs 4010 and 4011, the highly reliable TFT shown in Embodiment 4, which includes the oxide semiconductor layer as a semiconductor layer, can be used. Alternatively, the TFT shown in Embodiment 5 may be used. In this embodiment, the TFTs 4010 and 4011 are n-channel TFTs.

A pixel electrode 4030 included in the liquid crystal element 4013 is electrically connected to the TFT 4010. A counter electrode 4031 of the liquid crystal element 4013 is formed on the second substrate 4006. The liquid crystal element 4013 corresponds to a region where the pixel electrode 4030, the counter electrode 4031, and the liquid crystal layer 4008 overlap with each other. The pixel electrode 4030 and the counter electrode 4031 are provided with insulating layers 4032 and 4033 functioning as alignment films, respectively, and sandwich the liquid crystal layer 4008 with the insulating layers 4032 and 4033 therebetween.

To the first substrate 4001 and the second substrate 4006, a material and a manufacturing method which can be applied to those of the substrate 210 in the above embodiments can be applied.

A spacer 4035 is a columnar partition obtained by selective etching of an insulating film, and is provided in order to control a distance (a cell gap) between the pixel electrode 4030 and the counter electrode 4031. Note that a spherical spacer may be used. Further, the counter electrode 4031 is electrically connected to a common potential line provided over the same substrate as the TFT 4010. The counter electrode 4031 and the common potential line can be electrically connected to each other through conductive particles arranged between the pair of substrates. Note that the conductive particles are included in the sealing material 4005.

Note that although this embodiment shows an example of a transmissive liquid crystal display device, the present invention can also be applied to a reflective liquid crystal display device or a transreflective liquid crystal display device.

As the liquid crystal display device in this embodiment, an example is shown in which a polarizing plate is provided on the outer side of the substrate (on the viewer side) and a color layer and the electrode used for the display element are sequentially provided on the inner side; alternatively, a polarizing plate may be provided on the inner side of the substrate. Moreover, a layered structure of the polarizing plate and the color layer is not limited to that in this embodiment, and may be determined as appropriate depending on materials of the polarizing plate and the color layer or the conditions of the

manufacturing process. Further, a light-blocking film functioning as a black matrix may be provided.

In this embodiment, in order to reduce surface unevenness of the TFT and improve the reliability of the TFT, the TFT is covered with an insulating layer (the insulating layers 4020 and 4021) functioning as a protective layer or a planarization insulating film. Note that the protective layer prevents penetration of contaminating impurities such as an organic matter, metal, or moisture included in the air, and thus is preferably dense. The protective layer may be formed by a sputtering method with a single layer or a stack of a silicon oxide film, a silicon nitride film, a silicon oxynitride film, a silicon nitride oxide film, an aluminum oxide film, an aluminum nitride film, an aluminum oxynitride film, or an aluminum nitride oxide film. The example where the protective layer is formed by a sputtering method is shown in this embodiment; however, one embodiment of the invention is not particularly limited thereto, and the protective layer may be formed by a variety of methods. Further, by using the non-reducible film, the protective layer can also function as a reduction prevention layer.

Here, the insulating layer 4020 with a layered structure is formed as the protective layer. In this case, as a first layer of the insulating layer 4020, a silicon oxide film is formed by a sputtering method. The use of the silicon oxide film as the protective layer is effective in preventing hillocks in an aluminum film used as a source electrode and a drain electrode.

Moreover, an insulating layer is formed as a second layer of the protective layer. Here, as the second layer of the insulating layer 4020, a silicon nitride film is formed by a sputtering method. The use of the silicon nitride film as the protective layer can prevent mobile ions such as sodium from entering the semiconductor region and changing electric characteristics of the TFT.

Further, after the protective layer is formed, annealing (250° C. to 400° C.) may be performed on the semiconductor layer.

Then, the insulating layer 4021 is formed as a planarization insulating film. An organic material having heat resistance, such as polyimide, acrylic, polyimideamide, benzocyclobutene, polyamide, or epoxy can be used for the insulating layer 4021. Other than such organic materials, it is also possible to use a low-dielectric constant material (a low-k material), a siloxane-based resin, phosphosilicate glass (PSG), borophosphosilicate glass (BPSG), or the like. Note that the insulating layer 4021 may be formed by stacking a plurality of insulating films formed of such materials.

Note that a siloxane-based resin is a resin formed from a siloxane-based material as a starting material and having a Si—O—Si bond. The siloxane-based resin may include an organic group (e.g., an alkyl group or an aryl group) or a fluoro group as a substituent. The organic group may include a fluoro group.

There is no particular limitation on the method of forming the insulating layer 4021, and the insulating layer 4021 can be formed by any of the following methods and means depending on its material: a sputtering method, an SOG method, spin coating, dip coating, spray coating, a droplet discharging method (e.g., an ink jet method, screen printing, or offset printing), a doctor knife, a roll coater, a curtain coater, a knife coater, and the like. When the insulating layer 4021 is formed using a material liquid, the semiconductor layer may be annealed (300° C. to 400° C.) in a step of baking the insulating layer 4021. The step of baking the insulating layer 4021 serves to anneal the semiconductor layer, whereby the display device can be efficiently manufactured.

The pixel electrode **4030** and the counter electrode **4031** can be formed using a light-transmitting conductive material such as indium oxide containing tungsten oxide, indium zinc oxide containing tungsten oxide, indium oxide containing titanium oxide, indium tin oxide containing titanium oxide, indium tin oxide (hereinafter referred to as ITO), indium zinc oxide, or indium tin oxide to which silicon oxide is added.

Alternatively, the pixel electrode **4030** and the counter electrode **4031** can be formed using a conductive composition containing a conductive macromolecule (also referred to as a conductive polymer). The electrode formed using a conductive composition preferably has a sheet resistance of 10000 ohms/square or less and a light transmittance of 70% or more at a wavelength of 550 nm. Moreover, the resistivity of the conductive polymer contained in the conductive composition is preferably equal to or less than 0.1 Ω -cm.

As the conductive polymer, a so-called π -electron conjugated conductive polymer can be used. For example, polyaniline or a derivative thereof, polypyrrole or a derivative thereof, polythiophene or a derivative thereof, a copolymer of more than two kinds of these materials, and the like can be given.

Further, a variety of signals and potentials are supplied to the signal line driver circuit **4003**, which is formed separately, the scan line driver circuit **4004**, and the pixel portion **4002** from an FPC **4018**.

In this embodiment, a connection terminal electrode **4015** is formed using the same conductive film as the pixel electrode **4030** included in the liquid crystal element **4013**. A terminal electrode **4016** is formed using the same conductive film as the source electrodes and the drain electrodes of the TFTs **4010** and **4011**.

The connection terminal electrode **4015** is electrically connected to a terminal of the FPC **4018** through an anisotropic conductive film **4019**.

Note that FIGS. 29A to 29C illustrate the example in which the signal line driver circuit **4003** is separately formed and mounted on the first substrate **4001**; however, this embodiment is not limited to this structure. The scan line driver circuit may be separately formed and then mounted, or only part of the signal line driver circuit or part of the scan line driver circuit may be separately formed and then mounted.

As described above, a system-on-panel display device can be formed. For the display device in this embodiment, the logic circuit in the above embodiments can be used in the driver circuit, for example, and the logic circuit can be formed in the same process as the TFT in the display portion.

Note that this embodiment can be combined with the structures disclosed in other embodiments as appropriate. (Embodiment 11)

The display devices shown in Embodiments 6 to 10 can be applied to a variety of electronic devices (including amusement machines). Examples of electronic devices are television devices (also referred to as televisions or television receivers), monitors for computers and the like, cameras such as digital cameras and digital video cameras, digital photo frames, mobile phone devices (also referred to as mobile phones or cellular phones), portable game machines, portable information terminals, sound reproducing devices, and large game machines such as pachinko machines.

FIG. 30A illustrates an example of a television device **9600**. In the television device **9600**, a display portion **9603** is incorporated into a housing **9601**. The display portion **9603** can display an image. Further, the housing **9601** is supported by a stand **9605** here.

The television device **9600** can be operated with an operation switch of the housing **9601** or a separate remote control-

ler **9610**. Channels and volume can be controlled with an operation key **9609** of the remote controller **9610** so that an image displayed on the display portion **9603** can be controlled. Further, the remote controller **9610** may be provided with a display portion **9607** for displaying data output from the remote controller **9610**.

Note that the television device **9600** is provided with a receiver, a modem, and the like. With the receiver, general television broadcast can be received. Further, when the television device **9600** is connected to a communication network by wired or wireless connection via the modem, one-way (from a transmitter to a receiver) or two-way (between a transmitter and a receiver or between receivers) data communication can be performed.

FIG. 30B illustrates an example of a digital photo frame **9700**. For example, in the digital photo frame **9700**, a display portion **9703** is incorporated into a housing **9701**. The display portion **9703** can display a variety of images. For example, the display portion **9703** can display data of an image taken with a digital camera or the like and function as a normal photo frame.

Note that the digital photo frame **9700** is provided with an operation portion, an external connection portion (e.g., a USB terminal, or a terminal which can be connected to various cables such as a USB cable), a recording medium insertion portion, and the like. Although these components may be provided on the surface on which the display portion is provided, it is preferable to provide them on the side surface or the rear surface for the design of the digital photo frame **9700**. For example, a memory storing data of an image taken with a digital camera is inserted in the recording medium insertion portion of the digital photo frame, and the image data can be transferred and then displayed on the display portion **9703**.

Further, the digital photo frame **9700** may be configured to transmit and receive data wirelessly. The structure may be employed in which desired image data is transferred wirelessly to be displayed.

FIG. 31A is a portable game machine and includes two housings of a housing **9881** and a housing **9891**, which are connected with a joint portion **9893** so that the portable game machine can be opened and folded. A display portion **9882** is incorporated into the housing **9881**, and a display portion **9883** is incorporated into the housing **9891**. Moreover, the portable game machine illustrated in FIG. 31A is provided with a speaker portion **9884**, a recording medium insertion portion **9886**, an LED lamp **9890**, input means (operation keys **9885**, a connection terminal **9887**, a sensor **9888** (having a function of measuring force, displacement, position, speed, acceleration, angular velocity, rotation number, distance, light, liquid, magnetism, temperature, chemical substance, sound, time, hardness, electric field, current, voltage, electric power, radial ray, flow rate, humidity, gradient, vibration, odor, or infrared ray), and a microphone **9889**), and the like. It is needless to say that the structure of the portable game machine is not limited to that described above. The portable game machine may have a structure in which additional accessory equipment is provided as appropriate as long as at least a display device is provided. The portable game machine in FIG. 31A has a function of reading a program or data stored in a recording medium to display it on the display portion, and a function of sharing information with another portable game machine by wireless communication. Note that a function of the portable game machine in FIG. 31A is not limited to those described above, and the portable game machine can have a variety of functions.

FIG. 31B illustrates an example of a slot machine **9900**, which is a large amusement machine. In the slot machine

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9900, a display portion 9903 is incorporated into a housing 9901. Moreover, the slot machine 9900 is provided with operation means such as a start lever and a stop switch, a coin slot, a speaker, and the like. Needless to say, the structure of the slot machine 9900 is not limited to the above structure. The slot machine may have a structure in which additional accessory equipment is provided as appropriate as long as at least the display device according to the present invention is provided.

FIG. 32A illustrates an example of a mobile phone 9000. The mobile phone 9000 is provided with a display portion 9002 incorporated into a housing 9001, an operation button 9003, an external connection port 9004, a speaker 9005, a microphone 9006, and the like.

When the display portion 9002 of the mobile phone 9000 illustrated in FIG. 32A is touched with a finger or the like, data can be input into the mobile phone 9000. Further, operation such as making calls and texting can be performed by touching the display portion 9002 with a finger or the like.

There are mainly three screen modes of the display portion 9002. The first mode is a display mode mainly for displaying an image. The second mode is an input mode mainly for inputting data such as text. The third mode is a display-and-input mode, which is a combination of the two modes, that is, a combination of the display mode and the input mode.

For example, in the case of making a call or texting, a text input mode mainly for inputting text is selected for the display portion 9002 so that characters displayed on a screen can be input. In that case, it is preferable to display a keyboard or number buttons on almost all area of the screen of the display portion 9002.

When a detection device including a sensor for detecting inclination, such as a gyroscope or an acceleration sensor, is provided inside the mobile phone 9000, display on the screen of the display portion 9002 can be automatically changed by determining the orientation of the mobile phone 9000 (whether the mobile phone 9000 stands upright or is laid down on its side).

The screen modes are changed by touching the display portion 9002 or using the operation buttons 9003 of the housing 9001. Alternatively, the screen modes may be changed depending on the kind of the image displayed on the display portion 9002. For example, when a signal of an image displayed on the display portion is data of moving images, the screen mode is changed to the display mode. When the signal is text data, the screen mode is changed to the input mode.

Further, in the input mode, when input by touching the display portion 9002 is not performed for a certain period while a signal detected by an optical sensor in the display portion 9002 is detected, the screen mode may be controlled so as to be changed from the input mode to the display mode.

The display portion 9002 can also function as an image sensor. For example, an image of a palm print, a fingerprint, or the like is taken when the display portion 9002 is touched with a palm or a finger, whereby personal identification can be performed. Further, when a backlight or a sensing light source which emits near-infrared light is provided in the display portion, an image of a finger vein, a palm vein, or the like can be taken.

FIG. 32B illustrates another example of a mobile phone. The mobile phone in FIG. 32B includes a display device 9410 in a housing 9411, which includes a display portion 9412 and operation buttons 9413; and a communication device 9400 in a housing 9401, which includes scan buttons 9402, an exter-

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nal input terminal 9403, a microphone 9404, a speaker 9405, and a light-emitting portion 9406 that emits light when receiving a call. The display device 9410 having a display function can be detached from and attached to the communication device 9400 having a telephone function in two directions shown by arrows. Accordingly, short axes of the display device 9410 and the communication device 9400 can be attached to each other, or long axes of the display device 9410 and the communication device 9400 can be attached to each other. Further, when only a display function is necessary, the display device 9410 may be detached from the communication device 9400 so that the semiconductor device 9410 can be used by itself. The communication device 9400 and the display device 9410 can transmit and receive images or input information to/from each other by wireless communication or wired communication, and each of the communication device 9400 and the display device 9410 has a rechargeable battery.

Note that this embodiment can be combined with the structures disclosed in other embodiments as appropriate.

EXAMPLE 1

In this example, an enhancement thin film transistor using an oxide semiconductor will be described, in which oxygen plasma treatment is performed as an example of oxygen vacancy control processing in order to shift the threshold voltage.

FIG. 33A illustrates a structure of a thin film transistor in this example.

The thin film transistor illustrated in FIG. 33A includes a gate electrode 5002 over a substrate 5001, a gate insulating layer 5003 over the gate electrode 5002, an oxide semiconductor layer 5004 over the gate insulating layer 5003, and electrodes 5005a and 5005b to serve as a source electrode and a drain electrode.

In this example, a 100-nm-thick tungsten film was formed as the gate electrode 5002; a 100-nm-thick SiON film as the gate insulating layer 5003; a 50-nm-thick In—Ga—Zn—O-based non-single-crystal film as the oxide semiconductor layer 5004; and a 100-nm-thick titanium film as the electrodes 5005a and 5005b.

Further, in this example, the threshold voltage of the thin film transistor is shifted by performing oxygen plasma treatment on a surface of a channel portion. The oxygen plasma treatment at this time was performed under the following conditions: the pressure in the chamber was 0.4 P, the flow rate of an argon gas and oxygen was 10 sccm and 15 sccm respectively, and the RF power was 500 W so that oxygen was made into plasma. In this example, the plasma treatment was performed for 5 minutes.

FIG. 33B shows the result of measuring ID-VG of the transistor in this example before and after the oxygen plasma treatment.

As illustrated in FIG. 33B, the transistor before the oxygen plasma treatment has a negative threshold voltage and is normally on as shown by a curve 5006, whereas the transistor after the oxygen plasma treatment has a positive threshold voltage and is normally off as shown by a curve 5007. Accordingly, when oxygen plasma treatment is performed on a thin film transistor including an oxide semiconductor, the threshold voltage of the transistor is shifted to a positive value and the transistor serves as an enhancement transistor.

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What is claimed is:

1. A semiconductor device comprising:

a logic circuit comprising:

a first transistor comprising a first gate electrode, a first electrode, and a second electrode;

a second transistor comprising a second gate electrode, the second electrode of the first transistor, and a third electrode;

a first terminal electrically connected to the second gate electrode; and

a second terminal electrically connected to a portion where the second transistor is connected to the first transistor, wherein a high power supply voltage terminal is electrically connected to the first electrode;

wherein a low power supply voltage terminal is electrically connected to the third electrode,

wherein the first transistor comprises:

the first gate electrode;

a gate insulating layer over the first gate electrode;

a first oxide semiconductor layer over the gate insulating layer;

the first electrode which is electrically connected to the first oxide semiconductor layer; and

the second electrode which is electrically connected to the first oxide semiconductor layer,

wherein the second transistor comprises:

the second gate electrode;

the gate insulating layer over the second gate electrode;

a second oxide semiconductor layer over the gate insulating layer;

the second electrode which is electrically connected to the second oxide semiconductor layer; and

the third electrode which is electrically connected to the second oxide semiconductor layer,

wherein a layer comprising oxygen and silicon is on the second oxide semiconductor layer,

wherein a region of the second oxide semiconductor layer in contact with the layer has a smaller thickness than a region of the second oxide semiconductor layer in contact with the second electrode and a region of the second oxide semiconductor layer in contact with the third electrode, and

wherein a resistance of the second oxide semiconductor layer is lower than a resistance of the first oxide semiconductor layer.

2. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the second transistor comprises an oxygen vacancy control region between the second electrode and the third electrode over a surface of the second oxide semiconductor layer, the surface being opposite to a surface in contact with the gate insulating layer.

3. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the first oxide semiconductor layer and the second oxide semiconductor layer comprises indium, gallium, and zinc.

4. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a pixel portion; and

a driver circuit comprising the logic circuit.

5. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a source region in contact with part of the second oxide semiconductor layer and the second electrode, wherein the source region is a third oxide semiconductor layer, and

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a drain region in contact with part of the second oxide semiconductor layer and the third electrode, wherein the drain region is a fourth oxide semiconductor layer.

6. The semiconductor device according to claim 5, wherein an activation energy of each of the source region and the drain region is 0.01 eV to 0.1 eV.

7. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the first transistor is a depletion transistor and the second transistor is an enhancement transistor.

8. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein a channel length direction of the first transistor is substantially perpendicular to a channel length direction of the second transistor.

9. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the second electrode is in contact with the first gate electrode of the first transistor through an opening portion provided in the gate insulating layer.

10. The semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the layer further comprises aluminum.

11. A semiconductor device comprising:

a logic circuit comprising:

a first transistor comprising a first gate electrode, a first electrode, and a second electrode;

a second transistor comprising a second gate electrode, the second electrode of the first transistor, and a third electrode;

a first terminal electrically connected to the second gate electrode; and

a second terminal electrically connected to a portion where the second transistor is connected to the first transistor, wherein a high power supply voltage terminal is electrically connected to the first electrode;

wherein a low power supply voltage terminal is electrically connected to the third electrode,

wherein the first transistor comprises:

the first gate electrode;

a gate insulating layer over the first gate electrode;

a first oxide semiconductor layer over the gate insulating layer;

the first electrode which is electrically connected to the first oxide semiconductor layer; and

the second electrode which is electrically connected to the first oxide semiconductor layer,

wherein the second transistor comprises:

the second gate electrode;

the gate insulating layer over the second gate electrode;

a second oxide semiconductor layer over the gate insulating layer;

the second electrode which is electrically connected to the second oxide semiconductor layer; and

the third electrode which is electrically connected to the second oxide semiconductor layer,

wherein a layer comprising oxygen and aluminum is on the second oxide semiconductor layer,

wherein a region of the second oxide semiconductor layer in contact with the layer has a smaller thickness than a region of the second oxide semiconductor layer in contact with the second electrode and a region of the second oxide semiconductor layer in contact with the third electrode, and

wherein a resistance of the second oxide semiconductor layer is lower than a resistance of the first oxide semiconductor layer.

12. The semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein the second transistor comprises an oxygen vacancy control region between the second electrode and the third

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electrode over a surface of the second oxide semiconductor layer, the surface being opposite to a surface in contact with the gate insulating layer.

13. The semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein at least one of the first oxide semiconductor layer and the second oxide semiconductor layer comprises indium, gallium, and zinc.

14. The semiconductor device according to claim 11, further comprising:

a pixel portion; and

a driver circuit comprising the logic circuit.

15. The semiconductor device according to claim 11, further comprising:

a source region in contact with part of the second oxide semiconductor layer and the second electrode, wherein the source region is a third oxide semiconductor layer, and

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a drain region in contact with part of the second oxide semiconductor layer and the third electrode, wherein the drain region is a fourth oxide semiconductor layer.

16. The semiconductor device according to claim 15, wherein an activation energy of each of the source region and the drain region is 0.01 eV to 0.1 eV.

17. The semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein the first transistor is a depletion transistor and the second transistor is an enhancement transistor.

18. The semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein a channel length direction of the first transistor is substantially perpendicular to a channel length direction of the second transistor.

19. The semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein the second electrode is in contact with the first gate electrode of the first transistor through an opening portion provided in the gate insulating layer.

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